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PRINCESS MARGARET 'HOME SOON'

Tissue taken from lung is benign

By PETER PRYKE and GRAHAM JONES

PRINCESS MARGARET was recovering in hospital last night from a lung operation which her doctors said had shown that she was not suffering from a serious illness.

A medical bulletin said that a small piece of her left lung had been removed during the operation at the Brompton Hospital, Kensington, on Sunday. The tissue was "innocent"—or non-malignant.

The Queen, who is on holiday at Sandringham, was said to be "very pleased at the satisfactory outcome."

The Earl of Snowdon, the Princess's former husband, said: "I am very relieved that it was not something serious."

The operation was carried out by Mr Matthias Paneth, a consultant cardiothoracic surgeon.

The bulletin, signed by Mr Paneth and Dr John Batten, the Queen's Physician, and issued from Kensington Palace, said:

Princess Margaret underwent an operation at the Brompton Hospital yesterday for the removal of a small area of her left lung which proved to be innocent.

Her condition is satisfactory and it is expected that she will leave hospital within the week.

Flowers from well-wishers

The Princess who is 54 spent yesterday resting in her £165-a-day private room in the hospital's south block. Members of her personal staff made frequent journeys to the wing carrying flowers and plants from well-wishers.

There were no visitors, but a hospital spokesman said that she the Princess was likely to be feeling "much better" today, and well enough to receive visitors.

The Princess's son, Viscount Linley, 23, and her daughter Lady Sarah Armstrong Jones, 20, flew home from Venice yesterday after interrupting an educational trip, and are expected to be among her first visitors.

The operation is likely to have involved a biopsy—the removal of a small piece of tissue for analysis — which is usually carried out if X-rays show a shadow on the lung, or if the patient has been coughing up blood.

Smoked against doctors' advice

A more major operation to remove a lump of fibrous tissue for examination may have been carried out if the biopsy proved inconclusive.

The Princess's admission to the Brompton Hospital, which specialises in chest and heart diseases prompted speculation that her illness could be linked to her heavy smoking of up to 40 cigarettes a day.

She was advised by doctors in the summer to give up alcohol, reportedly about a bout of hepatitis, but continued to smoke.

Despite problems with her health and the publicity given to her private life, the Princess is one of the hardest-working members of the Royal Family.

Her insistence of observance of protocol and her long list public engagements have always ben tempered with the attitude that it is not a crime for a princess to enjoy herself.

She began smoking when it was fashionable to do so. She raised her intake on the death of her much-loved father, King George VI, who contracted lung cancer and died in 1952 of a thrombosis possibly precipitated by an operation the year before to remove a lung.

Prone to fluctuations in weight, dogged in her early years by migraine attacks and more lately by throat and chest infections, she often refused to cancel engagements despite indispositions.

In 1978, the year in which her marriage ended in divorce after a period of separation, she suffered a series of illnesses.

She contracted influenza, having uncharactteristically to cancel the confirmation at Windsor of Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones. Within days she was carrying out public engagements, but was later admited to the King Edward VII Hospital for Officers for 11 days.

Soon afterwards she was on her way to Tuvalu in the South Pacific as part of a gruelling tour, and it was here that she fell most seriously ill with viral pneumonia and a temperature of 104.

She went to Sydney for treatment and recuperation but, nine days later, resumed her programme and said of her high fever, with classic understatement: "I wasn't very well."

MEDICAL REASONS

Patient's history

OUR MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT writes: The probable reasons for operating in cases like that of the Princess include the

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Princess Margaret, whose condition is "satisfactory" after a lung operation.

CHEERFUL MOOD IN GENEVA

By DAVID ADAMSON, Diplomatic Correspondent in Geneva

THE Geneva talks about talks between Mr Shultz, American Secretary of State, and Mr Gromyko, Soviet Foreign Minister, seemed to have got off to a good start yesterday.

Their meetings over-running scheduled times by an hour and the mood at the start of the second session was noticeably cheerful.

The two men are attempting to create a framework for the most comprehensive negotiations on nuclear arms control ever envisaged. It would bring together nuclear missiles, and the issue of weapons in space.

Nothing of substance emerged from yesterday's sessions divided between the Soviet and American diplomatic missions but the Americans have been encouraged by Mr Gromyko's arrival statement on Sunday.

Then he spoke of establishing guidelines for talks that would link negotiations on space weapons with "radical" reductions in nuclear missiles. Mr Shultz will hold a Press conference today at the conclusion of the talks, but, on the American side, the final summing up will probably be left to President Reagan when he meets reporters in Washington tomorrow.

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PLANE DIVERTED

By Our Air Correspondent

A Pan American Boeing 747 flying from Frankfurt to New York diverted to Heathrow yesterday because a fairing on a wing started to peel off. It resumed its flight about five hours later.

PIPELINE BOMB

By Our Staff Correspondent in Bonn

A bomb exploded early yesterday in a shaft of a Nato oil pipeline near Giessen, West Germany. The device was believed to have been planted by supporters of jailed members of the Baader-Meinhof gang.

BHOPAL GAS IN USE

The chemical which killed more than 2,000 people in Bhopal, India, was being used again in Britain yesterday for the first time since the gas disaster. Ciba-Geigy restarted using the chemical at its Grimsby, South Humberside, chemicals factory folowing a five-week safety review.

Patient 'condemned to die' by doctors

By CHARLES LAURENCE

A FORMER mental patient was transferred to private hospital in London yesterday in an attempt to save his life after National Health doctors effectively condemned him to death by refusing any further kidney dialysis treatment.

The decision by doctors at the renal unit at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford, which meant that Mr Derek Sage, 44, was expected to die by the end of this week, was described by the British Kidney Patients Association as "douning the black cap."

Dr Des Oliver, consultant in charge of the renal unit, said the hospital believed Mr Sage's quality of life was so low that they were keeping him alive "officiously".

As the former patient of a mental hospital, Mr Sage should not have been accepted for dialysis in the first place.

The association arranged the transfer to the St John and St Elizabeth Hospital in North London and will pay all bills, expected to run to more than £1,200 a month.

Mrs Elizabeth Ward, Association president, said they would demand to be reimbursed by the regional health authority in an attempt to establish the health services' responsibility in keeping kidney patients alive.

"It is clear that this decision has been made on social grounds, as though Mr Sage was some sort of second class citizen who did not warrant treatment."

Mr Sage had been receiving dialysis treatment for two years.

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30 PARROTS SEIZED BY CUSTOMS

By JOHN SHAW

CUSTOMS officials foiled an attempt to smuggle a flock of 30 African parrots into Britain through Felixstowe yesterday.

The birds, worth about £4,000, were found during a random check, hidden in the bodywork of a Renault 16 saloon car as it left the Townsend Thoresen ferry Viking Viscount, 6,386 tons, from Zeebrugge.

Some birds were hidden in the chassis behind the foot pedals. Others were concealed in a special compartment under the passenger seat and in a false petrol tank. All were alive and are now in quarantine.

A man is helping Customs inquiries.

The seizure highlights the increasing illegal traffic in wild animals and birds, which can be imported only by licence issued under the Endangered Species Act, passed following the Washington Convention on Endangered Species in the early 1970s.

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ROWERS KILLED IN CAR CRASH

By Our Staff Correspondent in Paris

Graham Hall, the Cambridge rowing coach who coached the British Olympic eight, was killed in a car accident near Auxerre on the Autoroute du Sud (A-6) in France on Sunday, it was learned in Paris yesterday.

Sally Bloomfield, the international British woman rower, who was travelling with him, was also killed. Hall's two children, also in the car, were injured and are now in hospital in France. Hall's divorced wife, mother of the children, was reported to be on her way to see them.

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RIOTERS FIGHT TO SEIZE LINER

By Our Shipping Correspondent

Riot police fired tear gas as they fought off shipyard workers who tried to seize the P & O liner Sea Princess, 27,670 tons, when she called at Vigo in Spain yesterday on the last leg of a 24-day cruise.

About 2,000 workers protesting at 17,000 redundancies in Spanish shipyards demonstrated in the port, but police kept them at bay. The ship took on water and stores before departing an hour early for Southampton.

Pressure grows on interest rates

By CLIFFORD GERMAN Financial Correspondent

SHARE prices soared to a new record level again yesterday in spite of a further weakening of sterling and fresh upward pressure on interest rates.

The FINANCIAL TIMES 30 share index moved steadily higher to close at 955·7, up 14·7 on the day, and 3·4 above the previous peak on Monday last week.

British Telecom shares reached a new peak of 108½p, a premium of 58½p over the initial payment last month.

But sterling opened sharply lower and some short bursts of selling sent the pound down to $1·14 before it closed at $1·14½, down 93 points on the day. The pound also lost ground against Continental currencies.

Traders were only partially reassured by the slight upturn in crude oil prices on the Rotterdam market yesterday. Hopes of power stations rebuilding oil stocks as a precaution against a prolonged cold spell were matched by fears of a faster rundown in coal stocks.

Interest rates in the London money market rose again yesterday, reversing last Friday's falls. The Bank of England again met the day's shortage of credit in the London discount market in full, but three-month money in the inter-bank market rose almost ¼ per cent. to 10⅜-10 7/16 per cent.

The new rate implies base rates could go up threequarters to one per cent. to 10½ per cent. if today's money supply figures fail to restore confidence. For the second month running the figures are likely to be distorted by the mass of money attracted by the British Telecom share offer.

Analysts fear anything more than a half per cent. rise will trigger dearer money.

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FREEZE TO STAY IN SOUTH

FORECAST: Very cold in south-east and central Britain. Outbreaks of sleet or snow.

By GUY RAIS

BITTER winds blew snow into drifts several feet deep in parts of Essex, Kent and Sussex yesterday as metorologists forecast no early let up in the Arctic weather gripping much of eastern, central and southern England—although it may be slightly less cold for a time tomorrow and on Thursday.

Temperatures in central London fell to 25F (minus 4 centigrade).

Thousands of homes in the Ipswich area were without electricity for a time after high winds and heavy snow brought down overhead cables. Several schools in the Home Counties were closed because children were unable to travel from their homes.

Roads closed

Snow blocked the A2 between Canterbury and Dover, and the A20 Dover to Folkestone road for a time. Roads were also affected at Maidstone and near Eastbourne. Main roads from Essex to Suffolk were also closed by drifts.

An RAC spokesman described conditions in Kent and Essex as "terrible with roads littered by abandoned vehicles. Roads are open one minute and then have to close because of the drifts."

Two men and a woman were killed when their car, which had stopped on the M1 near Watford Gap, burst into flames after being hit by two lorries.

Hundreds of workmen battled to keep roads open but many motorists complained that councils had failed to grit even main roads, making conditions treacherous.

Police had to guide ambulances into Redhill Hospital, Surrey, after they had been unable to reach the casualty entrance because of icy approach roads.

Gatwick Airport fed a record 65,000 people — twice the average for the first few days in January — when the airport was shut for five hours because of snow.

Commuter trains from London were arriving up to an hour late at Hastings, Eastbourne, Brighton and other towns in Sussex which was having its worst early-January weather for more than 15 years.

A gale prevented firemen reaching a blaze in the radio cabin at the end of the pier at Ramsgate, Kent. A pilot boat was sent to rescue the radio operator, Mr Anthony Amato, who controls boats entering and leaving the harbour, but he insisted on remaining at his post.

The fire burned itself out.

Quake in snow

Arctic weather continued in much of Europe. In Italy residents of Gubbio south of Perugia ran from their houses in a snowstorm after a slight earthquake shook the area.

Five people were killed in accidents on weather-affected roads in Italy and three people were reported to have died of exposure.

More than 100 of Rome's unofficial pets, the homeless cats which live in the Colosseum and other ancient buildings, were frozen to death.

HIGHER POWER DEMAND 'MET COMFORTABLY'

By Our Business Correspondent

Electricity demand yesterday jumped to its highest level since the miners' strike started but the Central Electricity Generating Board said it had coped comfortably with the extra load.

Thousands of homes and factories in East London and Essex suffered a two-hour blackout in mid-morning because of technical problems at Barking.

The Government stuck by its earlier statement that despite the cold spel there was no prospect of power cuts caused by the pit strike this year.

Today's Weather

GENERAL SITUATION: Trough of low pressure will move erratically S.E.

LONDON, S.E., CENT., E. ENGLAND, E. ANGLIA, E. MIDLANDS, CHANNEL ISLANDS: Rather cloudy, snow at times, some bright intervals. Wind variable becoming N.W. Hght. Max. 28-32F (—2-0C).

W. MIDLANDS, S.W. ENGLAND, WALES: Outbreaks of sleet or snow, turning to rain in places. Becoming brighter with scattered showers. Wind W. light, veering N.W. moderate. Max. 36F (2C).

S. NORTH SEA, STRAIT OF DOVER: Wind variable force 1-3 to 4. Sea slight.

ENGLISH CHANNEL (E.): Wind N.W. force 1-3 to 4. Sea slight.

ST GEORGE'S CHANNEL, IRISH SEA: Wind N. force 1-3 to 4. Sea slight.

OUTLOOK: Becoming slightly less cold for a time. Rain or snow in E., sunny intervals and scattered showers in W.

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1,200 miners go back as pits holiday ends

By JOHN RICHARDS Industrial Correspondent

THE Coal Board claimed yesterday that another 1,203 miners had abandoned the 43-week pit strike on the first day that all 174 collieries were open for work since the Christmas and New Year holidays.

The figures—said to bring the total of National Union of Mineworkers members now at work to 71,000—were described as "very encouraging" by a board spokesman.

"This is further evidence that many miners believe it is now pointless to continue the strike," he added.

The total number of "new faces" going back since New Year is now approaching 2,000, according to the board. Since the beginning of November, more than 18,700 strikers have gone back and men are at work in 148 of the 174 pits, with 71 of them producing coal.

But Mr Scargill, NUM president, contested the back-to-work figures and claimed 140,000 of the 189,000 miners were still on strike. The board's figure is 118,000.

Time to negotiate

"If the Coal Board were expecting a massive return to work, it has clearly been a disaster as far as they are concerned," said Mr Scargill, who was in South Wales to address 400 strikers at Cynheidre Colliery, near Llanelli, where 90 men have returned to work.

"The dispute is remaining solid. My message to the Coal Board is a simple one: now is the time to negotiate a settlement to this dispute; to recognise the depth of feeling on the part of the miners.

"If they do that, this dispute could be over, provided they recognise, of course, both the Plan for Coal and the need to withdraw the pit closure programme."

The Cynheidre NUM lodge chairman, Mr Tony Ciano, agreed that questions on a ballot had been raised during Mr Scargill's visit. But he denied that Mr Scargill had been called in to try to prevent a bigger revolt at the pit, which employs 1,100 men.

Mr Scargill said any new initiatives would have to come from the board.

Mr Michael Eaton, chief

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9 MINERS JAILED FOR ARSON

NINE striking miners were jailed yesterday for setting fire to Coal Board buses used to take working miners across picket lines.

One of them, David Gaunt, 18, received three years for arson at Derby Crown Court. The other eight and a farmworker were each sentenced to two-and-a-half years.

Judge Brian Woods said: "What you have all done is a very grave offence. There is a very big difference of opinion about the future of the mining industry and what can sensibly be done about it.

"No one doubts that in becoming miners you took on a tough job and have a right to differ in your views from the Coal Board."

Splashed with petrol

All 10 live at New Houghton, Derbyshire, and the nine miners worked at Shirebrook Colliery.

Mr Richard Englis, prosecuting, said that the 10 went to the premises of J. Thompson Eng. (Mansfield) at Pleasley Vale, Derbyshire, where five buses were destroyed after being splashed with petrol. Damage was estimated at £25,000, plus £10,000 damage done to the premises.

The jailed men were Gaunt, Kevin Beal, 21, David James, 21, Paul Jones, 21, Yan Kestle, 33, David Mason, 19, Michael Southwell, 19, Peter Pearson, 24, Phillip Sterland, 18, and Steven Goodall, 22, the farmworker.

TALBOT WORKERS REJECT OFFER

By Our Industrial Staff

Mass meetings of both Talbot's main car plants in Coventry yesterday rejected a 15·3 per cent. pay offer over two years.

The two plants make up the clear majority of the firm's 3,500 manual workers. Voting at both was almost unanimous. Among Talbot's four other small plants in the Midlands, three voted to accept the offer and one to reject it, the company said. The joint negotiating committee of management and unions at the company will meet this Thursday for further talks.

STRIKE HITS BANKS

By Our Financial Correspondent

A one-day strike in support of a pay claim by members of the Irish Bank Officials Association closed all branches of the Allied Irish Bank and the Bank of Ireland in Britain yesterday, but managers and some staff were able to maintain essential services behind closed doors. ranches in Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic were not affected.

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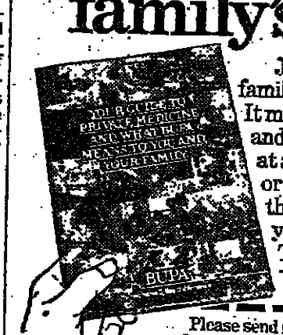

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REBUFF FOR KINNOCK ON MILITANT

By VALERIE ELLIOTT Political Staff

MR KINNOCK yesterday suffered a significant defeat in attempting to curb the influence of the Militant Tendency within the Labour party and in hampering recruitment to the Trotskyist organisation from within the party's ranks.

The Labour leader is on an official visit to Mexico City and Nicaragua, but before Christmas he made it clear that he favoured the setting up of a working party to examine the differences between Militant's programme and the aims of Labour.

He believes that if the differences were spelled out, it would halt recruitment to Militant.

Yesterday, however, a meeting of Labour's organisation sub-committee, chaired by Mr Charles Turnock, Left-wing official of the National Union of Railwaymen, voted 9-6 on new guidelines for the working party.

Rather than examine the activities of Militant Tendency or any other fringe organisation within the party, the committee endorsed a resolution to draw up a document setting up the principles of "democratic Socialism."

The resolution, moved by Mr David Blunkett, Left-wing leader of Sheffield Council, considerably waters down the initiative favoured by Mr Kinnock.

Fear of witch hunt

It placates members of Militant who were already muttering that a witch-hunt was being planned against them.

The motion endorsed yesterday said: "Noting the diversity of opinions within the party, the national executive committee resolved to set up a working party to produce a document setting out the principles of democratic Socialism which will promote and develop the values based on the principles outlined in the party constitution."

The N E C resolution backed by Mr Kinnock proposed a working party would "examine the nature and extent of Militant influence and that of other entryist organisations within the Labour party, and produce a document setting out the principles of democratic Socialism and clarify the ideological differences between members of these organisations and other Labour party members."

Loyalty code

Mr Turnock said after yesterday's meeting: "This document will set out what is required of people to believe if they are members of the Labour party."

Mr Dennis Skinner Left-wing MP for Bolsover, tried to get the whole issue dropped but lost by four votes to nine.

Mr Kinnock and his supporters will be able to oppose the resolution at the party's next N E C meeting on Jan. 23.

If he fails, he will have the opportunity to fight it out with members at the working party.

Left-wing members on the working party include Mr Turnock, Mr Blunkett, Mr Wedgwood Benn, MP for Chesterfield, Mr Heffer former Labour party chairman, and M P for Liverpool Walton, and Miss Jo Richardson, M P for Barking.

Mr Kinnock will also sit on the committee and is certain to gain the support of Mr Hattersley, his deputy, and Mr Ken Cure, the moderate trade unionist who is chairman of the appeal and mediation committee which originally proposed holding an inquiry into the activities of the Militant Tendency.

A £127,000 win on the football pools last week and yesterday's sub-zero temperatures did not deter Mr Glyn Deere (left), a striking miner, from reporting for picket duty at Askern colliery, near Doncaster. He had allowed himself one luxury—a new pair of boots.

BACKING FOR SID VINCENT

By STANLEY GOLDSMITH

STRIKING Lancashire miners yesterday rallied around Mr Sid Vincent, their general secretary, who was criticised for going on a Christmas holiday to Tenerife with a woman friend.

But their show of support was dismissed as "a fallacy" by Mr James Lord, spokesman for the majority of Lancashire miners who remain at work.

After a three-hour meeting at their Bolton headquarters, the strikers, claiming to represent the area executive, passed a vote of confidence in Mr Vincent.

In a statement read by Mr Frank King, area vice-president, they also condemned "the scurrilous gutter Press, television and radio, for their character assassination campaign against Mr Vincent."

Mr King added that they would be considering libel action against two national newspapers and a local one.

'60 p.c. working'

Mr Lord said later: "More than 60 per cent. of the Lancashire men are working, and they would like to get rid of Mr Vincent as soon as possible. Those who attended yesterday were his cronies.

"I do not know how they could call it an executive meeting. Mr King represents Parkside Colliery, where 1,000 men out of 1,400 are working, and nationally, a lot more would go back but for the intimidation. Most miners want to work."

Mr Vincent, 64, was accused of insensitivity for taking a holiday while most of Britain's miners were suffering hardship.

But his friend, Mrs Joan Hodgkinson, a divorcée, said he was "completely shattered, an honest man on a well-deserved holiday."

TRAINS CANCELLED

Eastern Region cancelled 56 out of 1,780 peak-hour services last week. Southern Region cancelled 30 out of 2,826 and Western Region one out of 500. London Midland statistics were not available.

Psychiatrist still held by Special Branch

By JOHN WEEKS, Crime Staff

MR BRITTAN, Home Secretary, last night signed a three-day extension order under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, allowing Merseyside police to continue questioning Dr Moira O'Shea, 65, a retired Irish psychiatrist from Birmingham.

Dr O'Shea, a member of the Irish in Mritain Representation Committee and of the Tropos out of Northern Ireland Movement, was arrested at her home in Birmingham on Saturday.

She was transferred to Liverpool's main Bridewell police station, where yesterday she was still being interviewed by Special Branch detectives.

In the meantime, a man held since New Year's Eve under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, made a one-minute appearance before magistrates in Liverpool yesterday, on a bomb plot charge.

Peter Lynch, 45, of Runcorn Road, Balsall Heath, Birmingham, was remanded in custody until Friday. He is jointly charged with three other men with conspiracy to cause an explosion in the United Kingdom of a nature likely to endanger life or cause serious injury to property.

The other three, Patrick Brazil, 34, of Belcamp Avenue, Dublin, William Grimes, 43, of Cherryfield Road, Dublin, and Peter Jordan, 60, of St Peter's Rise, Headley Walk, Bristol, are in custody at Risley Remand Centre, near Warrington, after appearing before Liverpool magistrates for the second time last Friday.

Tight security

Lynch, a former activist in the Birmingham Labour party, made no application for bail during the one-minute hearing and reporting restrictions in the case were not lifted.

There was tight security around the court and people entering were frisked, asked for identification and had their bags searched.

In the meantime, under a separate investigation, Mr William Childs, a freelance pilot, continued to be detained by Anti-Terrorist Branch detectives who are investigating the flight from Britain a year ago of Mohammed Shebli, the brother-in-law of Col Gaddafi, the Libyan leader.

Mr Childs is expected to be released today and a report will be submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions later this week.

PEACE MOVE BY STRIKING JOURNALISTS

By STEPHEN WARD Industrial Staff

A PEACE settlement in the month-long new technology strike by journalists in Portsmouth moved closer yesterday as they agreed to further talks on a solution suggested by the management last week.

Members of the National Union of Journalists at the News walked out on December 12 when they were asked to start using new technology without an agreement.

The paper has continued to appear, produced by executives and journalists who do not belong to the union, which represents 77 of the 115 editorial staff.

The crucial union objection to the proposed deal on new technology is that it includes a provision for three compositors to be re-trained as sub-editors, but be allowed to stay in their present union, the National Graphical Association.

The N U J at national level fears the precedent this would set for other provincial newspapers as new technology is progressively introduced. It fears increasing "encroachment" by the N G A on to the editorial floor.

While the N U J is not opposed to N G A members becoming journalists, it insists, as a matter of principle, that they should switch unions.

A basis for a settlement which appears to be emerging is that the N U J will accept that the three N G A men need not join the N U J, in return for Portsmouth and Sunderland Newspapers, owners of the News, agreeing to limit N G A membership on the editorial floor to a small number, leaving the N U J as the union which negotiates for journalists on the paper.

LUCE OFF TO GULF

Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State, Foreign Office, will visit Bahrain and Oman this week.

NUJ CHIEF 'ORDERED ON LEAVE'

By MAURICE WEAVER Industrial Staff

THE general secretary of the National Union of Journalists, Mr Kenneth Ashton, who is "on leave" while revised arrangements for his pension are being investigated, was formally told by the union's lay leadership to vacate his office for the period of the inquiry it was confirmed yesterday.

Mr Ashton, 59, stated in a letter to THE DAILY TELEGRAPH that he wished it to be known that he had not voluntarily agreed to take paid leave when the issue was raised at a meeting of the N U J's policy-making National Executive Council shortly before Christmas.

The letter said:

I take the first opportunity after visits to relatives and friends over the holiday break to clarify the statement in your report of Dec. 29 last, "N U J pair go on leave," that I agreed to take paid leave while the union conducts an inquiry into its pension scheme.

If you have not already been informed from those sources supplying the original information it should be made known that on Dec. 20 I was instructed to take leave with immediate effect.

A four-man panel of union members is now studying criticisms of changes in the pension arrangements affecting Mr Ashton and the union's finance officer, Mr Naranjin Paik.

The panel is to report to the next N E C meeting on Jan. 25 when Mr Ashton is expected to be present.

One of the three trustees of the N U J's staff pension fund, Mr Henry Bate, raised various points stemming from revisions made last year to the pension entitlements of Br Ashton and Mr Paik. He was concerned that the changes may contravene the rules of the fund.

Mr Ashton insists that they were implemented entirely in accordance with the uion's constitution and approved by the relevant sub-committee.

The N U J staff pension scheme provides beneficiaries with one-sixteenth of final salary for each year of service with a maximum entitlement of two-thirds salary if 40 years service is completed.

Panel's members

Mr Ashton has 10 years service as a full-time officer, having joined the staff as northern organiser in 1975, two years before taking his present post. As general secretary he earns something over £20,000 a year.

Mr Paik is also on leave but, unlike Mr Ashton, he was not instructed to take it at this time. Both men are on full pay.

Mr Ray McGuigan, the union's vice-president, said at his office in Dublin yesterday that the decision to instruct Mr Ashton to take a holiday was "in the best interests of himself and the union."

He added: "He has not been suspended. There is no implication that he has been guilty of any wrong-doing. It is simply to make it clear that the investigation is taking place in a totally independet atmosphere.

The fact that the instruction to take leave was given in writing was in accordance with a request from Mr Ashton himself, Mr McGuigen added.

The investigating panel, which met for the first time yesterday, consists of Mr Giles Smith, chairman of the union's Finance Committee, Mr Vincent Hanna, chairman of its General Purpose Committee, Mr Aidan White, treasurer, and Mr Simon Collings, chairman of the Recruitment and Organisation Committee.

Yesterday's meeting was attended by Mr Bate, a retired Fleet Street journalist who outlined his reservations about the pension changes.

Mr Ashton was not at the meeting. He is on the Continent attending a meeting of the International Federation of Journalists of which he is president. A moderate in the parlance of trade union politics he has been subject to previous criticism by the N U J's more Left-wing element.

NAVY APPOINTMENTS

Rear-Admiral G. M. F. Vallings is to become Vice-Admiral and Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland, Commander Northern Sub Area Eastern Atlantic, Commander Nore Sub Area Channel and Port Admiral Rosyth, in succession to Vice-Admiral Sir Nicholas Hunt.

Captain R. C. Dimmock is to become Rear-Admiral and Naval Secretary in succession to Rear-Admiral W. R. S. Thomas.

'Small house' plan for NF student's poly lectures

By SARAH THOMPSON Education Staff

A COMPROMISE package in return for an end to student disruptions at the Polytechnic of North London is to be put to students today by the new, temporary acting director, Dr John Beishon.

Dr Beishon was appointed last month to restore peace after 10 months of disruption over the presence of Patrick Harrington, a National Front activist.

Dr Beishon agreed yesterday with student union officials that he would move lectures attended by Harrington to a small house owned by the polytechnic where no other teaching takes place.

He has also offered to set up an action committee on anti-racism, on which students would be represented, and has suggested that he would be willing to revive the new disciplinary code.

Next Friday Harrington is expected to turn up for his first lectures this term. The student executive is to recommend to students on Thursday this week that the anti-Harrington pickets which have resulted in closures, arrests, and bad publicity for the college since May, should end.

Court proceedings

On Monday, 17 students face court proceedings and possible imprisonment for obstructing Harrington during incidents over the past few months.

An application by Harrington for the sequestration of the polytechnic's assets on the grounds that the college has not taken all possible steps to teach him is also to be heard.

Dr Beishop said yesterday: "Unless this problem is solved the dismemberment of the polytechnic is a very real possibility. Mr Justice Drake said earlier this year that if the polytechnic could not deal with the problem, the courts must step in.

"Obviously, the courts would in such circumstances have to approach Sir Keith Joseph and ask him to close the college down."

He said that if any student broke the law when Harrington returned to college on Friday he would not hesitate to discipline them.

He is initiating disciplinary proceedings against 25 students for their behaviour during anti-Harrington demonstrations and pickets.

Mr Peter Ross, the Student Union's 31-year-old president, said that for the first time in his three years at the college there seemed a likelihood of students and management co-operating.

The union's financial affairs are currently being supervised by a receiver, who was appointed by the High Court to ensure that no "ultra vires" payments were made.

'Signs cheques'

This was after an application by the Attorney General when students tried to donate £5,000 to striking miners.

Mr Ross said: "We have an agreement whereby we continue to work as normal and the receiver simply signs our cheques."

Mr Ross, was optimistic that students would follow his recommendations to call off pickets in return for Dr Beishon's "deal."

Dr Beishon will stress to students today his personal commitment to the Opposition of racism and Fascism. He intends to present an image of sympathy mingled with a firm hand if the law is broken.

He said: "The advantage of the building where we propose to move Mr Harrington's course is that it has only one entrance which makes it hard to occupy. There is no important administrative work taking place there.

"At present it is being redecorated and changed to make it suitable for teaching purposes."

5 HELD OVER ROLLS-ROYCE ENGINE THEFTS

Five people were arrested yesterday after co-ordinated raids by 40 police officers from five forces investigating the theft of Rolls-Royce military engine components worth several million pounds. They were being questioned last night at Rugby police station.

Police seized parts and components stored in a warehouse. Investigations have discovered that some parts stolen from Rolls-Royce were smuggled out of Britain in 1976, and components found their way to Argentina and Iran.

The investigation has already resulted in uncovering the theft of Olympus engine parts. Last August five men were arrested but two later committed suicide. One man was found dead in his car, and the other was found hanged. Seven other men have already appeared in court at Rugby on conspiracy, bribery and corruption charges.

Escort is still Britain's best-selling car

By COLIN DRYDEN Motoring Staff

FORD retained their lead as the most popular car-maker in 1984 as General Motors closed up on Austin Rover, now almost traditionally secure in second place.

Total car sales, according to figures issued yesterday by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, reached 1,749,650, the second highest figure achieved — only 2·35 per cent. lower than the 1983 record.

Imports, led by those brought in by Ford and General Motors, accounted for 57·52 per cent. of all cars sold in Britain last year, a slight increase on 1983. But 57·3 per cent. of Fords sold were built in Britain despite the loss of 40,000 vehicles through strikes.

Phased out

Ford's total of 486,971 took 27·85 per cent. of the market with the Escort remaining the best-selling car for the third consecutive year.

Austin Rover, like Ford, were slightly down on the previous year with 17·84 per cent. from 312,054 sales. A spokesman said that 50,000 vehicles had been lost through strikes. He pointed out that three models, the Ital, Acclaim and Ambassador had been phased out while the Montego saloon had been launched in March.

With the aid of 165,116 imports from Germany, Spain and Belgium, the General Motors companies, Vauxhall and Opel, took 16·17 per cent. of the market. Some 117,719 of their total of 282,835 were built in Britain. The Cavalier took second place in the best-seller list.

Nissan ended the year with a rush to finish in fourth place with 6·08 per cent. Japanese manufacturers as a whole accounted for 11·11 per cent. of all sales, marginally more than the 11 per cent. unofficial "gentleman's agreement" under which their sales here are limited.

The Top Ten manufacturers for the year were: 1, Ford 486,971 cars, 27·83 per cent. share; 2, Austin Rover 312,054, 17·84 per cent.; 3, General Motors (Vauxhall, Opel) 282,835, 16·17 per cent.; 4, Nissan 106,270, 6·98 per cent.; 5, Volkswagen/Audi 96,603, 5·52 per cent.; 6, Peugeot-Talbot, 70,519, 4·03 per cent.; 7, Renault 59,779, 3·42 per cent.; 8, Volvo 59,072, 3·38 per cent.; 9, Fiat 47,563, 2·72 per cent.; 10, Toyota 32,702, 1·67 per cent.

Top ten cars: 1, Ford Escort 157,540; 2, Vauxhall Cavalier 132,149; 3, Ford Fiesta 125,851; 4, Austin MG Metro 117,442; 5, Ford Sierra 115,071; 6, Austin/MG Maestro 85,072; 7, Vauxhall Astra 56,511; 8, Vauxhall Nova 55,442; 9, Ford Orion 51,026; 10, Volvo 300 35,034.

Merseyside defies rate-capping limit

By JOHN GRIGSBY Local Government Correspondent

LABOUR - controlled Merseyside County Council yesterday defied the Government's £219 million rate-capping spending limit.

The council's policy committee voted to overspend the Government limit by £23 million to fulfil its commitments for next financial year, 1985-86.

Mr Jenkin, Environment Secretary, has set the council a maximum rate precept of 82·86p in the pound. This involves a rate increase of 27 per cent., mainly because the country ran down its balances last year.

But Labour members argue that the spending limit is too low and a rate increase of this size is only necessary because Merseyside has incurred heavy penalties in lost grant for overspending the Government's targets.

They claimed that meeting them would involve 3,000 redundancies and a 40 per cent. increase in public transport fares.

"We are not going to comply with rate-capping and make the cuts in jobs and services it requires," said Mr Keva Coombes, council leader. "Merseyside has reached rock bottom on showing the absurdity of Government policies on public expenditure."

He added: "The rate-capping demands are bad news for the ratepayers of the county because of the massive increase they would bring about. Whitehall is asking us to set a rate increase of nearly 30 per cent. which is just not acceptable."

It is still not yet clear what exact strategy of defiance the county council will adopt.

Mr Neville Goldrein, leader of the Tory group, attacked the council's Left-wingers for deliberately going into a policy of confrontation with the Government.

He said: "The county has been in a spend, spend, spend situation for years and it is obviously going to hurt to pull our belts in....

EEC butter sells at 33p in price war

By GODFREY BROWN Agriculture Correspondent

THE High Street price war between the supermarkets should help to ensure that British shoppers get their belated "Christmas butter" bonus from the Common Market at prices well below the 42p a 250-gm packet maximum set by Mr Michael Jopling, Agriculture Minister, and his officials.

Although the scheme is due to start officially in Britain next Monday, most Co-op stores have already begun to sell the butter.

A Co-op spokesman said: "33p a pack is the cheapest you will find it in the Co-op." In the smallest Co-op stores it could be 39p, he added.

J. Sainsbury, which starts to sell the special cut-price butter next week, said they expected the price would be about 14p cheaper than their current cheapest butter which sells at 47p.

The current average retail price of butter is 52p a packet. The special cut-price Common Market bonus butter is recognisable because it bears the words "Special sale—E E C." The packs also carry the maximum price of 42p.

The Christmas butter bonus is an E-E-C-wide scheme to enable Common Market consumers to buy at specially low prices a total of 200,000 metric tons of butter from the surplus butter "mountain."

But these cut-price butter schemes are heartily disliked by most of the British dairy trade, which complains that they disrupt the normal market. They persuaded Mr Jopling and his officials to delay the introduction of the scheme in Britain until after Christmas, when butter sales are normally slack after a bouyant pre-Christmas trade.

In most other E E C countries, the buter was available as a Christmas bonus.

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RABBI SACKED OVER HIS RISQUE JOKES

By DAVID MILLWARD

RABBI Clifford Cohen was sacked from his synagogue after he allegedly made facetious and often offensive comments from the pulpit, an industrial tribunal in London was told yesterday.

Mr Cohen, 36, who served as rabbi for the Southgate Progressive Synagogue for nine years, was said to have told a boy during his barmitzvah: "As you go through life you will learn several things about this, that and the other, especially the other."

During another service, a nine-year-old girl stumbled after taking ceremonial wine and Mr Cohen allegedly quipped: "One drink and she's anybody's."

When the son of the synagogue's treasurer was having his barmitzvah, Mr Cohen told the boy in front of the congregation: "Make sure your father uses the right chequebook to pay the caterers."

Mr JOHN METCALF, representing the synagogue, told the tribunal that the congregation lost faith in Mr Cohen because of his remarks with sexual innuendoes from the pulpit, his unavailability to members of the congregation and his lack of pastoral care especially to the elderly and sick.

'Great entertainer'

Mr CECIL REESE, a vice-president and member of the syngogue in Chase Road, Southgate, for 30 years, said: "Rabbi Cohen is a great entertainer with a ready wit but he does not seem to appreciate that there are times when certain things should not be said."

Mr Reese and his wife Doris, another vice-president who also gave evidence, told the tribunal of occasions when they claimed Mr Cohen seemed to be reluctant to visit sick and elderly members of the congregation.

"I formed the view that he had difficulty in relating to older people and especially sick people," Mr Reese added.

The last straw came in January last year when Mr Cohen moved house and left his new telephone number with a member of the synagogue's council—on the strict understanding that it was not to be divulged.

This proved decisive when the council met last February and voted to sack their rabbi, Mr Reese said.

"I think this one act was perhaps the catalyst which probably decided a lot of people in their final vote because it indicated that he had less interest in the welfare of the community than in his own well-being," Mr Reese said.

Mr ANTONY CLAYDON told the tribunal that Mr Cohen used the occasion of his son's barmitzvah in January last year to settle old scores between the two men.

At the service Mr Cohen, far from paying tribute to Mr and Mrs Clayden's community work asked DANIEL CLAYDEN, 13 in his formal address from the pulpit what it was like to live "in the same house as a man who thinks he is God."

This prompted one of Mr Clayden's friends to storm out of the synagogue in protest.

Mr Clayden voted for Mr Cohen's dismissal because he doubted his ability to serve as a rabbi anywhere.

"He lacked the common touch. He did not reach out to the congregates in the street, he was not interested in their problems," he said. "For him being a rabbi was an intellectual exercise."

Little interest

Mrs Irene Rondell, a member of the synagogue for nearly 17 years, told the tribunal that Mr Cohen seemed to show little interest in the secular side of the synagogue's work.

Mrs Rondell said the council decided to send him a warning letter in May, 1983, at a meeting to discus his unacceptable remarks during sermons.

She said: "Shortly after, we spoke together about his losing his job. But he said: "It wouldn't really bother me. I would work in a fish and chip shop if I had to."

Mr Cohen, of East Barnet, Hertfordshire, has asked the tribunal to reinstate him alleging that the synagogue council sacked him unfairly.

The hearing was adjourned until today.

Mr Clifford Cohen, former rabbi at Southgate, who was dismissed by the Synagogue Council after an "irretrievable breakdown" in relations between the rabbi and his congregation.

2 missing girls lived rough in Ireland

By IAN HENRY Old Bailey Correspondent

A schoolgirl adventure for two 12-year-old London children ended in Ireland when they were discovered living rough with two men from a North London amusement arcade, said Mr GRAHAM BOAL, prosecuting, at the Old Bailey yesterday.

During a nationwide police alert last May, the two girls and a 15-year-old boy played an elaborate cat and mouse game, the jury heard.

The girls changed their names and cut their hair to avoid detection but the Garda finally caught them hiding behind a wall in the countryside in Co. Galway it was said.

Before their capture the three children, who had befriended the men at a Holloway Road arcade, lived an untidy and squalid life, pilfering food to stay alive and living in shacks and hay sheds.

The two men, LESLIE LOATES, 41, and KEVIN MAHER, 25, of Holloway Road, deny child stealing and abduction. They face no charge in relation to the boy.

Mr BOAL said the children were not kidnapped but had accompanied Loates and Maher to Ireland. But both men knew they were taking the children without the consent of their parents.

One of the issues was to what extent children of that age either in fact or in law could consent to being removed from their parents' custody.

Note left on log

At one stage one girl, Emma Bishop, was said to have left a note on a log saying: "Tell our Mum we are all right, leave us alone."

The other girl, DENISE BORZALT, told the court that before going to reland she and Emma had visited Loates's flat and gone for car drives with him and that he had given them money to play the arcade machines.

She could not recall who first raised the question of going away together. At first she thought it was a big joke.

Sh added: "If I had told my mum she wouldn't have let me go. Me and Emma were told we were going until we were 18, until he said he couldn't get in trouble for it."

Denise told the court she did not really want to leave home and had no reason for doing so.

The trial was adjourned until today.

TEACHER 'WAS DRIVEN TO DRUGS'

A TEACHER who was said to have been driven to drugs by the stress of his job at a South London comprehensive, was jailed for three years at Inner London Crown Court yesterday.

Mr THOMAS FATON, defending, told Judge EDWARD MACHIN, Q.C. that GRAHAM ROWLERSON, 37, was introduced to heroin some years ago while a supply teacher at Samuel Pepys School, Deptford. When his drug-taking increased, he left the £200-a-week job.

Police keeping observation on his flat in Tresillian Road, Brockley, last June, saw 11 people arrive and leave in four hours, it was stated. They entered the premises and found a small amount of heroin, methodone, syringes and a set of scales.

ROWLERSON, who had no previous convictions, admitted that he had been selling heroin, cocaine and cannabis for some months and pleaded guilty to possessing heroin, cannabis and methodone.

TOUGH SCHOOL

Comedian tried

OUR EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT writes: Samuel Pepys School, which had about 900 boys, many of them from poor backgrounds, was closed in September, 1982, and amalgamated with Colloingwood Girls' School to form the present 860-pupil Hatcham Wood comprehensive in the heart of Deptford. The boys' school had a reputation for toughness, and a rapid teacher turnover.

At one stage, the Inner London Education Authority employed a former professional comedian to keep order. Mr Graham Clarke, appointed head in 1980, was more successful than most, and is now the head of the amalgamated school.

CHINESE SMOKERS

Smokers in China, where the habit is said to cause 140,000 or more cancer deaths annually, gave the government nearly £3·5 billion in taxes last year, its second largest source of revenue after the oil industry.

BARBIE TO GO ON TRIAL

By MICHAEL FIELD in Paris

KLAUS BARBIE, 71, the former Gestapo chief known as the "Butcher of Lyons," will go on trial in France for "crimes against humanity." Probably before the end of this year.

Barbie, who was brought back to France from Bolivia nearly two years ago, has been awaiting trial in prison in Lyons, the scene of his activities during the 1939-45 war as an intelligence officer in the Nazi SS.

M. Christian Riss, examining magistrate, last week submitted the Barbie file to the Public Prosecutor of Lyons who has two months in which to decide whether to ask for the case to be brought before the Assizes or, as is highly unlikely, to dismiss it.

Three of the eight accusations against Barbie have been retained by the prosecution. These include his alleged part in the deportation of 52 Jewish children from a home at Izieu in the Ain department to an extermination camp in the East.

Minister's father

Barbie is also accused of the liquidation of the Lyons committee of the General Union of Israelites in France, among whom was the father of M. Robert Badinter, the present Minister of Justice. He and the others were deported on Feb. 9, 1943, after a Gestapo raid on their offices.

The third charge is the deportation to Auschwitz and Ravensbrueck of 600 people on the last train out of Lyons on Aug. 11, 1944.

M. Jacques Verges, Barbie's defende lawyer, claims the trial will lead to harmful disclosures about some former members of the Resistance and some people whom I consider today to be guilty of illegally wearing decorations."

M. Verges, an extreme Left-winger, has already caused an uproar by accusations concerning the betrayal of Jean Moulin, the revered Resistance leader, believed to have been murdered by Barbie.

BROADS BOAT RAMMED AFTER CHASE

A chase between two cruisers on the Norfolk Broads was like something out of the "Dukes of Hazzard" TV programme, said Mr Guy Ayers, prosecuting at Norwich Crown Court yesterday.

The chase began when the crew of a boat being steered by Sandra Fallon, 19, threw eggs, flour and tomatoes at holidaymakers in another vessel. The second cruiser gave pursuit, but eventually pulled into the bank and moored. At this point, Miss Fallon turned her cruiser round and rammed the vessel causing £2,500 worth of damage to the two boats.

Miss Fallon, of Rookery Gardens, St Mary Cray, Orpington, Kent, admitted causing criminal damage to the cruisers, the property of Herbert Woods Ltd, of Potter Heigham, Norfolk, in June, 1983. She was fined £500 and ordered to pay costs of £200.

Po STABBED AT CONCERT

By Our Crime Staff

A policeman was stabbed several times in the thigh and another knocked unconscious when a bottle was smashed on his head as police went to arrest a black youth after a reggae concert in Brixton, it was disclosed yesteday.

Police reinforcements were rushed to the Academy Concert Hall in Stockwell Road late on Sunday to quell the disturbances. More than 3,000 people were attending a reggat concert in aid of the Ethiopian charity fund. A youth, aged 17, was being questioned in connection with an assault.

GRAVES ATTACKED

Hooligans smashed more than 40 headstones and scattered flower vases in a cemetery at Barnsley over the weekend. Damage was estimated at £5,000.

Homosexuals as foster parents

By JOHN GRIGSBY
Local Government Correspondent

LABOUR controlled Hackney Borough Council is to encourage homosexual men and women to apply for jobs looking after young people as part of a drive to counter discrimination against them.

Advertisements for a wide range of council posts will appear in newspapers catering for homosexuals, Mr Patrick Kodikara, chairman of the council's Social Services Committee, said yesterday.

He will support a report to the committee from Mr Gordon Peters, the Social Services director, on Thursday which is almost certain to be accepted. "The council should make clear that it welcomes applications from gays and lesbians," says the report.

It recommends that no child should be taken into care because the parent is homosexual. Prospective foster and adoptive parents and staff in residential homes and day centres dealing with young people should be recruited on their merits and skills. Their sexual orientation is irrelevant, says the report.

The council says that the interests of the children and young people are paramount, but action should be taken to ensure that discrimination against homosexuals is combatted.

Mr Kodikara said that if any parent did not want their child to be fostered by a homosexual they would be "counselled" by Hackney's social services staff. But the final wishes of the parent would be obeyed.

Of parents who might not wish to have their children looked after by homosexuals in residential homes he said: "The council will have to say that the sexual preference of the individual is something for the individual alone.

"If we are to employ people on their ability alone, they have got to accept that we are living in a society where not everyone is heterosexual."

Staff who discriminate against homosexuals would be subject to disciplinary procedures. Outside employers dealing with the council would also lose their contracts if they practised discrimination.

TEACHERS TOLD TO BEHAVE

Strict classroom discipline for teachers has been ordered by Mr K. C. Pant, India's new Education Minister.

In a memorandum to teachers and other employees he lists eight faults, including loitering in corridors, not being punctual, gossiping, and having visitors in offices. Spot checks on conduct will be made.—Reuter.

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MUGABE SPEEDS PACE TOWARDS ONE-PARTY RULE

By A. J. McILROY in Harare

THE Zimbabwe government hinted strongly yesterday that it intends major constitutional changes to speed the way to a one-party state, sought by Mr Mugabe, the socialist leader.

Under the Lancaster House accord five years ago, which gave Zimbabwe independence, such changes would have to wait until the end of the decade.

But diplomats in Harare said last night that Dr Witness Mangwende, Zimbabwe's Foreign Minister, had given clear notice that his government did not intend to wait that long.

He did so in his official speech at a reception for Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, who is visiting the country.

He told Sir Geoffrey: "Your visit comes at a time when we are preparing once again to go to the polls to contest a general election as required by and also provided for under the constitution.

'Impossible position'

"I hope you will agree with me when I say that it is in fact a most rigid and most inflexible constitution.

"Naturally no constitution is perfect, but a government *such as ours is a government* of the people and finds itself in an increasingly difficult, indeed *impossible*, position when the constitution it is sworn to uphold on behalf of the people it represents is actually, and visibly so, working against the best interests of those people.

Dr Mangwende said the government, which is expected to win the election due to be held in about two to three months time, would be acting immorally if it failed to listen to the voice of the people.

Under the constitution there can be no change until 1990 to the country's Bill of Rights which guarantees free political association.

The constitution cannot be changed without the consent of all 100 MPs who include 20 occupying seats guaranteed for whites. This guarantee runs out in 1987.

It is expected that this will signal an all-out drive by Mr Mugabe's ruling ZANU party to force through changes to the Bill of Rights ending freedom of political association and effectively making ZANU the only legal party.

Delegation pleased

Sir Geoffrey and his 11-member delegation did not appear yesterday to be discouraging this development. All spoke warmly of the high in relations between the two countries.

Officials were stressing that his talks with Mr Mugabe and Mr Mangwende were "extremely friendly, wide ranging and constructive."

The British party showed an almost casual attitude towards the opposition parties, including Mr Joshua Nkomo's ZAPU, the United African National Council of Bishop Abel Muzorewa, and Mr Ian Smith's white Conservative alliance.

ZAPU, which has 20 seats in Parliament, used the occasion to protest publicly about "harassment and intimidation" of its members by the ruling party in the approach to the general election.

The Foreign Office had indicated that Sir Geoffrey would be pleased to meet opposition leaders if the Zimbabwe government, hosting the visit, could find the time and opportunity.

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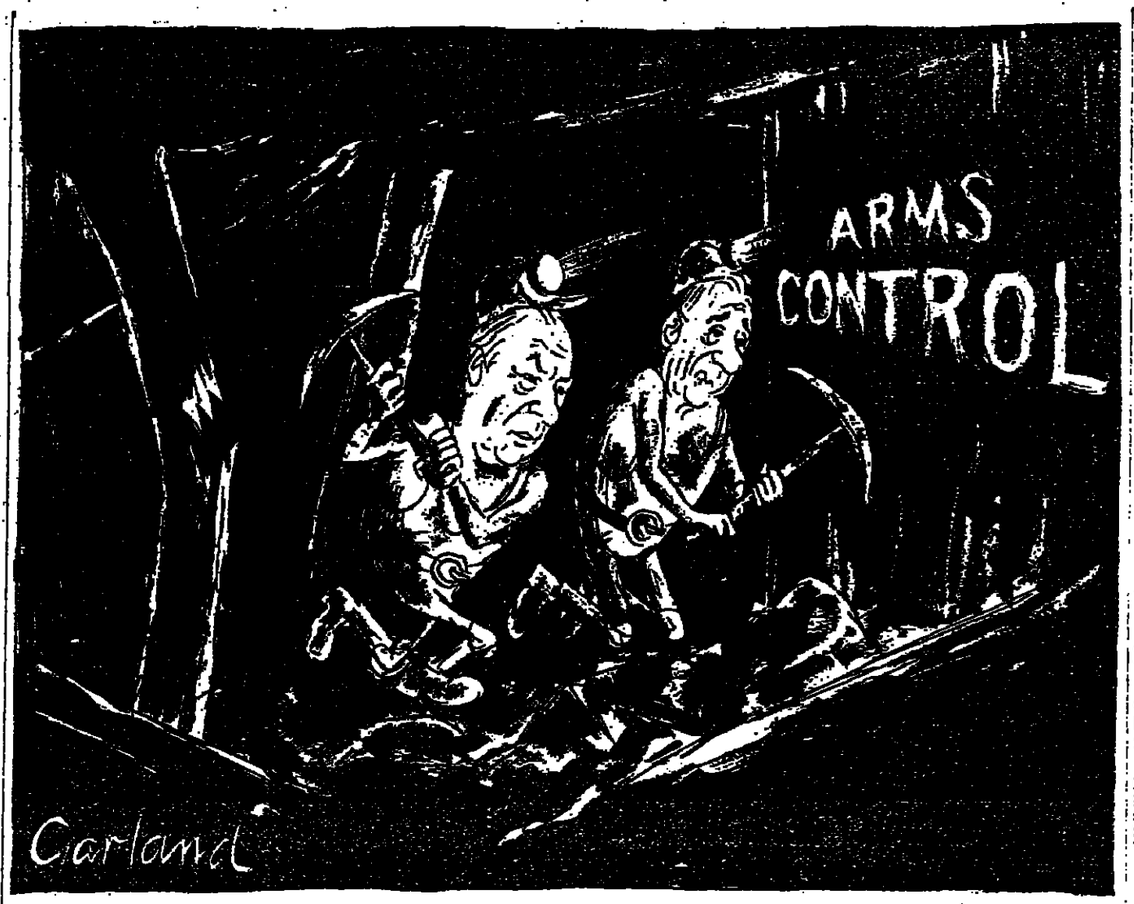

BACK TO WORK

Howe's line on Angola delights Zimbabwe

By A. J. McILROY in Harare

SIR Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, used his keynote speech in Zimbabwe yesterday to emphasise Britain's view that independence for Namibia (South-West Africa) must not be linked to the withdrawal of the 25,000 Cuban troops in Angola.

Since such a linkage is central to the current, although stalled, American-led initiative on Namibia, Sir Geoffrey's hosts accepted his words as implied criticism of the United States' position.

Dr Witness Mangwende, Zimbabwe's Foreign Minister, beamed his approval at the official lunch given in Harare for Sir Geoffrey and his delegation.

Zimbabwe government officials said that Mr Mugabe, the Prime Minister, had been equally delighted when Sir Geoffrey had earlier outlined the British view during two hours of private talks.

Mr Mugabe led the outcry by the self-styled "front line" black African states of Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Zambia, Botswana, Angola and Tanzania a month ago when the American negotiators travelled to the Angolan capital, Luanda, with the South African proposals.

'Arrogant' proposals

These promised Namibian independence only if it were linked with the pulling out of Cuban troops in Angola.

Mr Mugabe demanded what he described as the "arrogant and fraudulent" American-backed proposals to be dropped.

He asked Britain particularly to use its influence to persuade South Africa to comply with the United Nations Security Council resolution 435 requiring a South African withdrawal from Namibia and that country's independence without strings.

Sir Geoffrey said account must be taken of the political reality that unless there is an arrangement over the Cubans which South Africa is prepared to accept there will be no implementation of the UN plan.

PERES DEAL ON AIRLIFT 'LEAK'-VOTE

By MAIER ASHER in Jerusalem

THE Israeli Prime Minister will explain in Parliament today the events which caused the premature publication of the secret airlift of Ethiopian Jews to Israel and then its sudden halt.

This is the price Mr Peres has had to pay for the withdrawal of two no confidence motions accusing the government of jeopardising the lives of thousands of Ethiopian Jews.

They were on their way to join the airlift but now remain stranded because the leak caused the cancellation of flights by a Belgian charter company and angry reaction in Addis Ababa and Khartoum.

The motions were tabled by the Right-wing Tehiya party and the Left-wing Citizens Rights party but disapproval of the government's handling of the airlift was also voiced in coalition circles.

The parties agreed to withdraw the motion after Mr Peres undertook to make a statement. He explained that a debate in Parliament at this time would only further damage the government's efforts to resume the airlift.

Reports said several other airlines had offered to complete the airlift from Sudan to Israel of some 7,000 Ethiopian Jews.

SECRECY OVER SPY SHUTTLE REHEARSAL

By Our New York Staff

A practice countdown for America's first classified manned space mission—the launching on an. 25 of the space shuttle Discovery carrying a new type of spy-in-the-sky satellite—was completed yesterday at Cape Canaveral, Florida.

The five-man, all-military crew were in the shuttle cockpit for the final 2½ hours of the 18-hour countdown rehearsal, but the whole operation was shrouded in unusual secrecy. The satellite is capable of gathering radio data from Russian missile tests. It is an advanced model of earlier satellites that intercept radio, telephone and satellite communications.

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KENNEDY AT TRIBAL MEETING

By Christopher Munnion in Mathopestad, W. Transvaal

BENEATH the welcome shade of a blue gum tree in the middle of the Transvaal maise belt, Senator Edward Kennedy was guest of honour yesterday at a traditional African *indaba*, or tribal meeting.

On the second day of his controversial South African tour, Mr Kennedy was getting to the heart of the matter for which Pretoria has been condemned throughout the world — the forced removals of black communities from "white" areas to black homelands.

Mathopested, in the Western Transvaal, is a rural community of 2,000 Tswana people who have lived and farmed a small area for more than 70 years.

But as the community is in the middle of a fertile white farming area, it is doomed to be a "black spot." The government wants the Mathopo people to move to another site 80 miles north-west which will shortly be part of Bophuthatswana.

Helicopter fault

Mr Kennedy sat taking notes as he chief of the community explained how his people had been born and raised in the area, and were resisting government efforts to remove them.

The senator then expressed, through a interpreter, his condemnation of the policy of resettlement. It was, he said, "inhumane and indecent, particularly as it is based on the pigmentation of the skin."

Mr Kennedy had intended to visit the region to which the people were supposed to move, but could not do so owing to a technical fault which prevented his helicopter from taking off.

Had he done so, he would have seen one of the more extraordinary sights that Africa has to offer: More than 1,000 tin toilets scattered in desolate bushland in the middle of nowhere.

Strained meeting

Earlier, the senator had raised the issue of forced resettlement in what was clearly a strained 90-minute meeting with Mr Pik Botha, Foreign Minister, in Pretoria.

Mr Kennedy said after the meeting that he had spoken to Mr Botha about the issues of black voting rights, the deprivation of South African Citizenship for blacks, and the continued policy of enforced resettlement.

"I did not find there was any response, anything that was encouraging on each of these three issues," he said.

MARCOS FIRM ON ELECTION PLANS

President Marcos of the Philippines said yesterday that local elections next year and a presidential election in 1987 would go ahead as planned. He denied. Opposition claims that he would bring the polls forward due to his failing health.

Mr. Marcos, 67, and into his 21st year of rule, has already announced he would run for re-election, but there has been speculation in Manila that he might call a snap election this year and name his wife Imelda, as the ruling party's Presidential candidate.—Reuter.

'FROZEN' CASH PROMISE ON EX-RHODESIANS

By Our Staff Correspondent in Harare

The Zimbabwe government has assured Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, that as soon as the economy recovers it will do everything possible to ease hardship among former Rhodesian citizens whose savings are "frozen" in Zimbabwe.

Last September the Foreign Office was told about at least 70 people "practically destitute" because of Zimbabwe's cash controls. Before the controls started last year, people could take savings of £15,000 a year out of Zimbabwe.

The practice was stopped and instead the savings have gone into 4½ per cent. Government bonds. The measure has meant a saving of £16 million a month.

PARTY ACCUSED OVER MURDER

By Our Correspondent in Guatemala City

An ultra-Rightist party, the Nationalist Republican Alliance, known as Arena, was accused by President Napoleon Duarte of El Salvador yesterday of being involved in the murder of one of his political assistants.

Police arrested Reinaldo Osorio, a member of Arena, and charged him with shooting dead Pedro Rene Janez, a member of a commission appointed by Señor Duarte to investigate official corruption.

Hopes of a settlement in Punjab rise

By BALRAM TANDON in Chandigarh

TWO tentative steps taken last week by Mr Rajiv Gandhi, Prime Minister of India, have brought a positive response from the acting leaders of the Akali Dal (Sikh party), and hopes of an early Punjab settlement have been raised.

The acting leaders have expressed the Sikh leadership's willingness to resume negotiations broken off last January.

And Mr Surjan Singh Thekedar, the acting president of the Sikh party, went out of his way to assert in a statement from his headquarters in Ludhiana that the Sikhs "are as patriotic Indians as anyone else and will never demand an independent homeland."

Call to free leaders

But Mr Thekedar also said that the central Government should immediately release Sant Gurcharan Singh Tohra, Sant Harchand Singh Longowal and Sant Jagdevsingh Talwanti, the Akali Dal leaders who have been in prison since the military action in June.

The spokesman for the five high priests in the Sikh Golden Temple, who have practically secured control of all Sikh political institutions, also reacted favourably to Mr Gandhi's initiatives, which were the appointment of three senior Cabinet Ministers to tackle the Punjab's political problems and a broadcast assurance that the lives and property of Sikhs would be protected.

Jathedar Saheb Singh, speaking for the high priests, insisted, however, that as a token of Mr Gandhi's sincerity the Government should also release the leaders of the militant all-India Sikh Students' Federation, the strong arm of hard-line Sikh factions.

In his broadcast Mr Gandhi fulfilled one demand of the high priests: that the central Government categorically guarantee protection of the honour, lives and property of Sikhs not only in Punjab but also in the rest of India.

The initiative was pressed further at the weekend when Mr Buta Singh, Minister for Food and Agriculture, flew down to Ludhiana for talks with representatives of the Sikhs. Mr Singh, himself a Sikh, has been a key figure in the negotiations with the Akalis.

Most of the senior civil servants involved in framing policy in the Punjab, including Mr R. V. Subramaniam, chief political adviser to the Governor, spent the weekend in New Delhi discussing the situation with the three Cabinet Ministers comprising Mr Gandhi's trouble-shooting committee.

Mr Subramaniam flew back to Chandigarh yesterday with a new brief from the trio and had long talks with Mr K. T. Satarawala, the Governor, with officials of the Governor's Advisory Council, and with the heads of different departments.

But many Sikhs with whom I have discussed Mr Gandhi's initiative say he should have gone further and ordered the most stringent action against those who instigated the killing of Sikhs in northern India immediately after the assassination of Mrs Gandhi.

Most Sikhs in Chandigarh still speak of the deep emotional injury which the brutal killings caused to the Sikhs. They point out that the Government has not announced the arrest of any individuals for instigating the killings although the mobs were always led.

Most Sikhs in the Congress as well as in the Akali Dal say that the next concrete moves towards reopening negotiations should also come from Mr Gandhi and his committee. They told me that the Government should not wait for a further response from the Akali Dal.

The atmosphere in Punjab is much more relaxed now, and this is largely because fears of renewed anti-Sikh rioting during the elections were belied. Sikhs were able to go to polling booths in traditional Indira Gandhi strongholds where communal sentiment was inflamed by the assassination.

New Caledonia vote on 'associate' offer

By MICHAEL FIELD in Paris

NEW CALEDONIA, the French Pacific island, is to be offered independence as an associate state of France, in a referendum in July.

The proposal, expected after Press leaks last week, was announced yesterday by M. Edgar Pisani, the French Government special envoy to the territory, in a broadcast from Noumea, the capital, relayed simultaneously in France.

All citizens, native "Kanaks," Europeans, and other settlers with three years' proven residence, will be entitled to vote.

M. Pisani proposed a "pact of association" with France to end hostility over the independence issue and a "community pact" to ensure good relations between inhabitants of different race and outlook.

Native desire for independence and resistance to it by French settlers known as "Caldoches" have led in recent months to clashes in which several natives and a few French people have died.

Militants of the "Kanak" Liberation Front set up road blocks and denied French residents access to several localities in the sparsely populated territory.

M. Pisani said that if the referendum showed a preference for independence, the status of "privileged resident" would be created for French citizens who did not want to take the nationality of the new state, which would become independent from Jan. 1, 1986.

"The presence of France in this land is necessary to France as it is to those who want independence and those who oppose it," M. Pisani, who was appointed by President Mitterrand to solve the problems of New Caledonia, said.

Aware that hesitation could lead to a dangerous period of unrest, M. Pisani announced a tight timetable to put his plan into operation. Before Feb 1 he will report in full on the situation to President Mitterrand.

SRI LANKA PRIEST INQUIRY

By VILMA WIMALADASA in Colombo

COLOMBO has ordered a police inquiry into the killing of Father Mary Bastian, 38, Roman Catholic parish priest of Vankalai in Sri Lanka's troubled north, in the early hours of Sunday morning.

The Bishop of Mannar, the Rt Rev. Thomas Savundaranayagam, claimed yesterday that Fr Bastian had been killed by government troops in his mission house.

"The Catholics of Mannar and I bemoan the cruel, inhumane and unthinkable act against a man of God," he said.

Colombo claimed on Sunday that eight terrorists had been killed in a gun battle near the Vankalai Catholic Church after an attempt to ambush a patrol, and that 56 sticks of dynamite and spent and live ammunition had been recovered from the church.

Army accused

The Bishop of Jaffna, the capital of the Northern Province, accused the Army of being responsible for killing the priest. Mr Athulathmudali, National Security Minister, then ordered an immediate police investigation into the incident.

Bishop Savundaranayagam denied yesterday that arms and ammunition had been found in the church or that the church had been used as a base to attack the security forces.

"We also condemn the killing of innocent vicilians in the village of Vankalai. We strongly object to the unlawful entry into the Convent of the Holy Family Sisters at Vankalai by the security forces," he added.

The Bishop described Fr Bastian as a dedicated pastoral worker involved in helping the poor in diocese. The Rt Rev Frank Marcus Fernando, President of the Catholic Bishops Conference, asked the government for "a thorough investigation and an impartial inquiry at the highest level" into the killing.

Late on Sunday night, Tamil guerillas set fire to the Chavakachcheri court house in Northern Province. The extent of the damage prevented the court sitting yesterday.

Last week judges in the Northern Province received letters warning them not to hold sessions. The judges have asked the authorities to step up security.

STRIKE STOPS BREAKFAST TV IN FRANCE

By Our Staff Correspondent in Paris

A strike by technicians at Antenne 2, France's second television channel, prevented the scheduled launching of weekday breakfast television yesterday.

Journalists and announcers were ready to go on the air at 6.45 a.m., but lights and cameras were not switched on. The strike, essentially over the extra work caused by the new venture, was due to continue today.

It has interrupted all normal programmes, including a special interview due last night with M. Jacques Chirac, Mayor of Paris and leader of the neo-Gaullist Opposition. Breakfast television already exists at the weekends with news and feature broadcasts on TF1, the first channel.

SUPREME COURT FOR MALAYSIA

The Malaysian judiciary entered a new era yesterday with the inauguration of its Supreme Court.

This ends a 1958 agreement enabling cases decided by the Federal Court to be referred to the Privy Council in London. The Supreme Court replaces the Federal Court, changing the system from three-tier to two.—Reuter.

Ferraro's husband pleads guilty to scheme to defraud

By IAN BALL in New York

JOHN ZACCARO, husband of Geraldine Ferraro, the Democrats' Vice-Presidential candidate in the American election last year, was arraigned in New York yesterday on a charge of scheming to defraud.

This was the culmination of an investigation that began three months ago at the height of the election.

In a plea-bargaining arrangement Zaccaro, 51, whose tangled finances dogged his wife's electoral campaign, pleaded guilty to the fraud charge in return for the dropping of others.

The fraud, a misdemeanour punishable by up to a year in prison, stems from Zaccaro's unsuccessful efforts in 1983 to buy five blocks of flats in a New York suburb.

'Altered appraisal'

He operates a real-estate brokerage business from a small office in Little Italy in Lower Manhattan, owning or managing abou 25 commercial or residential buildings.

In financial-disclosure documents filed in Washington in August Zaccaro said he was worth about $3,000,000 (£2,600,000). His wife put her separate net worth at about $760,000 (£660,000. Both have increased their net worth since.

Charged as a participant in the alleged fraud scheme was Harold Farrell, 63, a business associate of Zaccaro's, who was also accused of practising law after being disbarred.

Mr Robert Morgenthau, Manhattan District Attorney, said yesterday that Zaccaro submitted an inflated contract of sale for the flats to a mortgage broker, altered a copy of an appraisal submitted to a lending institution, and made an overstatement of his net worth by more than $17,000,000 (£14,800,000).

Zaccaro, failed in his bid to buy the suburban blocks of flats. He lost an $80,000 (nearly £70,000) down payment. A court investigation later found he had improperly borrowed from an elderly widow's estate.

During the election campaign Mrs Ferraro complained her themes were not reaching the electorat bcause of attention paid to her husband's alleged improperties. Nominally at least she was an officer of his real-estate company.

Mrs Ferraro was the first woman to be chosen as Vice-Presidential candidate by a major American political party.

General named over Popieluszko plot

By ROBIN GEDYE Diplomatic Staff

GEN. WLADYSLAW CIASTON a two-star Polish General in charge of the country's secret police, was named in court yesterday as the deputy Interior Minister connected with a conspiracy to kill Fr Jerzy Popieluszko, the pro-solidarity Warsaw priest.

Lt Waldemar Chmielewski, one of three security policemen charged with the priest's murder, was asked by the judge to explain why he had named Gen. Ciaston during interrogation, but not in court.

Chmielewski said that while he had once believed that Gen. Ciaston had sanctioned the priest's kidnap and maltreatment, he did not wish to repeat the allegation in court because he had only guessed the man's name.

He said that he had only inferred from conversations with his superior, Capt Grzegorz Piotrowski, that Gen. Ciaston supported the action, and that no names were mentioned.

Captain on stand

Both Chmielewski and Lt Leszek Pekala, accused with Piotrowski of murdering the priest, have referred in testimony to a hitherto unnamed deputy minister connected with the plot against Fr Popieluszko.

Piotrowski took the witness stand for the first time yesterday to explain allegations by his two co-conspirators that he administered most of the beatings which killed the priest.

"I do not plead guilty to any of the charges, which does not mean I don't admit to carrying out some of the actions," Piotrowski told the court.

He acknowledged kidnapping Fr Popieluszko, beating and gagging him, and throwing his body into a reservoir near the northern city of Torun. He testified for less than 30 minutes before the trial was adjourned until today.

In the days following the priest's death on Oct. 19, the authorities alleged the killing was part of a broader conspiracy possibly orchestrated by hard-liners in the Communist party, aimed at undermining the policies of Gen. Jaruzelski, Poland's leader.

Chmielewski said Piotrowski had called both lieutenants to his office, and that the captain had made frequent calls to his superiors during the meeting to discuss their plans for the kidnap.

"The intention of the whole operation was to introduce some mess and disorder in the Solidarity underground," he added.

3 OPTIONS ON POLISH FOOD PRICES

By ROBIN GEDYE Diplomatic Staff

POLISH food prices are set to rise for the first time in 13 months, but to defuse a traditionally explosive issue the authorities have published three price options for consumers.

The three proposals were disclosed in newspapers and involve different levels of increases due in March which are linked to varying degrees of reduction in the number of goods rationed.

Newspapers carried charts and detailed descriptions of the plans, showing what each option would mean for individual items.

Last year the authorities undertook a similar exercise in which they warned the public of high price rises and subsequently instituted relatively small increases, effectively removing the danger of protests.

Rationing of meat

The first plan envisages that rationing of meat, flour, butter, sugar and chocolate would continue, and that price rises in these items would raise the cost of living by 3·1 per cent.

The second plan envisages ment prices increasing by 9½ per cent., flour by 42 per cent., sugar by 45 per cent. and a loaf of bread by 30 per cent. Rationing of cereals and fats would be lifted.

Under the third option, flour would rise by 42 per cent., sugar by 73 per cent., butter by 29 per cent., and meat by 9½ per cent. Only meat would remain rationed under this option, but the cost of living would rise by 4·2 per cent.

Comments sought

Mr Stanislaw Ciosek, trade union minister, has proposed a meeting with labour leaders on Jan. 10 to discuss the issue. Poles have been asked to submit their comments on the rises to local government or newspaper offices.

The government's economic plan for 1985 envisages price rises of 12-13 per cent. A third of this would consist of food price rises.

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A-TEST SITE 'GLOWED GREEN FOR YEARS'

A BRITISH nuclear test site in Australia was so radioactive that a green glow could be seen at night years after the explosion, the Royal Commission looking into the effects of the tests was told yesterday by Mr BARRIE ROBERTS, a former administrator with the U.K. Atomic Energy Authority.

Giving evidence on the third day of the commission's hearings in London, Mr Roberts said that he saw the glow coming from a crater left by a bomb blast. And he was told that an Aborigine family had been found camping in the crater after the blast.

Mr Roberts, 45, from Walsall, West Midlands, served at the Maralinga Test Range, South Australia, for five months in 1961.

One evening as he was watching the sunset a friend pointed to a glow and asked him what he thought it was.

"He pointed out a peculiar little greenish smear of light just below the horizon, said Mr Roberts. "It did not look like the electric lights nearby, it looked more like the bar of a luminous watch hand in the dark.

"He told me it was one of the craters left by the big explosions in the 1950s.

Smoke rising

"I asked him why it looked as it did and he said it was still very radioactive. I recall that he said something like 'it'll be hot for a thousand years'."

Mr Roberts said his friend told him that smoke had been seen rising from the crater and when someone was sent to investigate, they found Aborigines camping there.

He went on: "I do not recall that we were given any particular warnings about radiation hazard at Maralinga. We were issued with a handbook which contained all sorts of information, including a section on health.

"It told you how to deal with snake bites and warned you about drinking spirits in desert temperatures, but there was nothing in the health section about radiation."

He said when he worked at the Atomic Research Establishment at Aldermaston, he had regularly seen clear signs warning of radiation hazards. "I do not recall any warning signs at Maralinga," he added.

He said he had also heard a rumour that another British nuclear test sit in Australia, known as Emu had been abandoned because it had become contaminated with radiation after "some kind of error."

Mr MICHAEL STEPHENS, 51, a former naval rating, of Chalk Hill, West End, Southampton, said that he served on the aircraft carrier Campania in 1952, when it was present at nuclear tests in the Montebello islands off the north west coast of Australia.

At the time of the blast the ship's company went on deck, he said. "When we turned round to look, we could see it was a horribly dirty bomb, having been exploded at sea level."

Despite decontamination checks, he said he had kept the seaboots, which he had worn while ferrying scientists to the test site, as a souvenir for years after the blast.

On returning to England, they were described as "slightly warm"—that is, still mildly radioactive.

Mr NORMAN O'FEE, 55, a former RAF signaller from Eynesbury, St Neots, Cambridgeshire, described flying over the Maralinga test site three days after an explosion without any protective clothing or safety equipment.

Later the Commission heard that a mistake by an RAF officer left 30 airmen facing a test blast.

A former RAF vehicle mechanic, Mr TERENCE TAYLOR, 49, of Empingham Road, Stamford, Lincolnshire, said he was one of the 30 whose names were picked out of a hat to witness an atomic blast at Maralinga in 1954.

'Blinding flash'

They were told by an officer to turn away and cover their eyes when he had counted down to 10.

He said: "We were all standing facing the blast and when the officer got to 17 the explosion happened. There was an absolutely blinding flash.

"I put my hands over my eyes and turned away. I thought 'bloody hell, am I blinded?'"

But he had been able to see when he looked a few minutes later.

Another witness, Mr ROBERT SOUTHWELL, 50, of Prospect Lane, Havant, Hampshire, said when he worked as a civilian maintenance man at the site in 1956 he had taken uniforms and boots from dummies close to the bomb test and worn them.

"No protective or safety clothing was ever issued. I am positive about this. I certainly did not wear any when I went in to collect the dummies' gear. — we lived in our shorts."

The hearing was adjourned until Thursday.

A musher (dog sled driver) getting under way in the 13th Swiss husky race in Lenk. The event, held over distances from six to 13·8 kilometres, attracted 40 competitors from Switzerland, France and Germany. PICTURE: ANTHONY MARSHALL

Police deny making random B-tests

By JAMES O'BRIEN

A SUGGESTION by Lord Paget, QC, that the number of motorists breath-tested by Nottinghamshire Police "looked like random testing" was described yesterday as "surprising and disappointing."

Police in the county had said that during a two week period, which included Christmas and New Year's Eve, they had breath tested 1,666 motorists. A total of 99 proved positive and 15 refused to be tested. As a result 108 drivers were due to appear in court.

Lord Paget, in a letter published in THE DAILY TELEGRAPH yesterday, suggested that the police figures looked like random breath tests and asked what offences those tested were believed to have committed.

Supt. Roger Storey, head of Nottinghamshire Police Traffic Section, said he was "astounded" by Lord Paget's remarks.

Of the total breath-tested, 1,207 had been involved in moving traffic offences, such as speeding, failing to conform to traffic lights, driving without lights and other offences; 385 had been in road accidents and 76 were suspected of having alcohol in their blood.

"Our instructions to the patrols were to breath-test those drivers involved in road accidents as part of the investigations into the cause.

"All road traffic offences are a potential danger. Therefore we have wide powers."

He said there had been no random breath-testing in Nottinghamshire. Many of the drivers found not to be over the legal limit and stopped for moving offences had received cautions and had not been reported for prosecution.

WANTED: A MAID WHO RAN AWAY

What is described as the earliest-known "wanted" circular for a fugitive was found among more than 25,000 bamboo strips inscribed with writings from the Han dynasty (206 B.C.-A.D. 220) unearthed by Chinese archaeologists. The fugitive was a maid who ran away from the mansion of a relative of the emperor.

The strips, found in Gansu province, north-western China, recorded political, economic, military, and social events from 9 B.C. to A.D. 111, the official Chinese news agency Xinhua said.—A.P.

Back-to-work talks on computer strike

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

MORE than 400 Government computer operators are still on strike over new working patterns, despite agreeing in principle to call off their seven-month stoppage before Christmas.

Talks are to be held today between their union, the Civil and Public Services Association, and Health Department officials to agree back-to-work details.

Mr Geoffrey Lewtas of the union executive, said: "There is no question about the overall terms for a return to work, but there are a number of minor points which are time-consuming.

"Once we have hammered out an agreement we shall have to put it to our members, and I am hopeful of a return to work on Jan. 21 or during that week."

Pay cut feared

The strike started in mid-May last year in protest at plans by the Department of Health and Social Security for new shift patterns which staff said would cause their pay to be cut by up to £14 a week.

Under the general agreement they are accepting the new shifts, but the Department has promised that salaries of existing staff will be safeguarded for two years.

The Department and the Post Office have set up emergency arrangements to enable benefits — principally child benefit and pensions — to continue for the duration of the strike.

The Post Office alone has had to spend an extra £80 million up to the end of last month keeping open sub post offices which it had originally been intended to close to cope with the demand for over-the-counter payments of benefits.

Extra staff

With 9 milion pensioners and 7 million mothers claiming benefits, extra staff have been needed to prevent huge queues building up at the counters. Local social security offices have also hired an extra 3,600 staff, at an annual cost of £58 million.

DHSS staff in the overseas pensions branch have also been paid further sums in overtime to cope with the spate of claims from pensioners living abroad.

The original shift changes which caused the dispute were designed to save £700,000 a year in administrative costs, and Mr Michael Meacher, shadow Social Services Secretary, has calculated that when the cost of making the savings is offset it will be the year 4005 before a net gain is achieved.

MP questions £200m Rosyth project

By DESMOND WETTERN Naval Correspondent

THE Government's plan to build two covered dry-docks, workshops, stores and accommodation to refit the Trident missile submarines at Rosyth at a cost of £200 million is to be questioned in the Commons this week.

Mr Keith Speed, the former Navy Minister and a member of the Commons Defence Committee, said it was incomprehensible to him why new docks were needed and he intends to question Mr Heseltine, the Defence Secretary.

"When Rosyth was chosen to refit the Trident submarines it was generally assumed it was because the existing facilities for refitting Polaris submarines would be used; this is the first time any mention has been made of building entirely new docks and so on."

Work on clearing the site for the new docks is expected to begin in 1987 for the entire complex to be ready by the late 1990s "but by then the bill will be probably more like £1,000 million," Mr Speed said.

Details of the dockyard expansion plan were given last month to the workforce by Mr Steve Colt, the Naval base development officer, in SPOTLIGHT, the dockyard's newspaper.

17 options

Seventeen options were initially considered, he said, but eventually these were narrowed to two. "We could upgrade existing facilities or go for a completely new 'blue water' site. The latter was chosen because upgrading would have caused massive disruption to Rosyth's work programme."

As reported yesterday, the dockyard is to take over from Portsmouth the task of refitting up to half the Navy's 12 Sea Dart missile destroyers.

No mention has been made of what will happen to the existing drydocks and workshops for refitting and refuelling the nuclear reactors of the Polaris submarines.

But in view of the delays in completing refits of nuclear-powered hunter-killer submarines at Devonport the refits of some of the 18 of these submarines in service by the early 1990s may be switched

PRIVATISED FIRMS 'LOSE INSTABILITY'

By JOHN PETTY Commercial Correspondent

UNRESOLVABLE tension exists between Government and the management of State-owned industries, Mr Keith Stuart, chairman of Associated British Ports, said yesterday.

"Political aims only occasionally coincide with industrial management aims," said Mr Stuart, whose business was known as British Transport Docks Board until denationalised two years ago.

Privatisation removed the instability which came when the object of the owners, as represented by politicians, were totally different to those of management.

"As far as we are concerned, privatisation has been a tremendous success," Mr Stuart told a meeting of the Coal Industry Society in London.

Rapid changes

The City had understood very little about the Docks Board before denationalisation, so it was considerably under-priced when the first 51 per cent. of its shares were put on the market at 112p each. The issue was 53 times over-subscribed.

Last March, when the rest was offered, the price was 270p despite a warning that the industry might be hit by the coal strike.

Mr Stuart said the port industry was changing rapidly. Twenty years ago ports outside the Dock Labour Scheme, which gives dockers a job for life, handled only 7 per cent of total traffic. Now it had risen to one-third. Deep-sea trade had declined sharply in proportion as trade with Europe rose, transferring business to the east coast.

There was still a problem of

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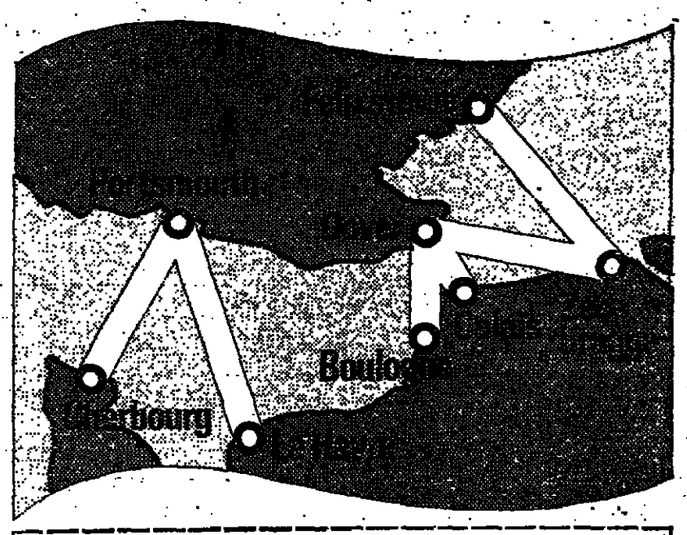

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K[illegible].—On Jan. 4, suddenly at home, [illegible] GRAHAM. Sadly missed by his [illegible] and friends. Funeral service at [illegible] Nortlands, St James's Gardens, [illegible], on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 12 noon. Cremation at Mortlake 1 p.m. Inquiries to John Nodes Funeral Service, 01-569 1819.

KING.—On Jan. 5, 1985, at home, JOYCE MILLICENT, aged 80 years, dearly loved wife of Jack and devoted mother of John and Edward. Private family funeral. No flowers or letters, please.

KIRK.—On Jan. 5, 1985, suddenly in Washington, D.C., ANN WARMINGTON, beloved wife of Alexander and sorely missed by him after 32 short happy years together. Services and interment private. Expression of sympathy may be made to the National Trust.

KITSON.—On Jan. 5, in Hospital, ARTHUR, of College Grove, Malvern, dear husband and father of Joan, Jane and Anne. Funeral service at Worcester Crematorium on Friday, Jan. 11, 12 noon. Family flowers only, please. Donations if desired for research to Alzheimer's Society, Bank Buildings, Fulham Broadway, London, SW6.

KRABBE.—On Jan. 5, peacefully at home, a few days short of his 99th birthday, CLARENCE BRENDICK KRABBE, O.B.E., D.L., father of Ann Duncan, greatly loved by his family and those who cared for him. Cremation private. A thanksgiving service will be held at Theale Parish Church at 2 p.m., on Saturday, Jan. 12, where all his friends will be welcomed. No flowers or mourning, by his request. Donations if desired to Theale Church Fabric Fund.

LANGDON.—On Jan. 6, 1985, peacefully in hospital, in his 100th year, HERBERT, of 1, Eaglehurst Court, Sidmouth, father of Peter and daughter-in-law Dilys and much loved grandfather of David, Christopher, and Julia. Funeral service at All Saint's Church, on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 11.45 a.m. Family flowers only, but if desired donations to the church.

LENNON. — On Saturday, Jan. 5, peacefully at St Francis' Hospice after a long illness bravely borne, PATRICK JOSEPH, beloved husband of Patricia and father of Sally, Gillian, Jeremy and Michael. Requiem Mass at Catholic Church of Corpus Christi, Collier Row, at 9.30 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 10. No flowers, please. Donations if liked to St Francis Hospice, Havering, Essex.

LINDSEY.—On Jan. 6, 1985, of 29, South Parade, Bramhall, Cheshire, formerly of Whitley Bay, BETTY (née Bates), aged 73 years, dearly loved wife of Herbert. Service at Woodford Parish Church on Friday, Jan. 11, at 10.45 a.m., prior to committal at Stockport Crematorium at 11.30 a.m. No flowers, please. Donations may be made to St Ann's Hospice, 90, Deansgate, Manchester. Inquiries Ben Lloyd Ltd., tel. 061-485 3135 and Poynton 872717.

LOACH. — On Jan. 4, at Wotton Nursing Home, Gloucester, ERNEST PENBURY (Ben), aged 94 years, formerly of Westdene, Bristol, and Kiln Lane, Stokenham. Service at Gloucester Crematorium on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 2 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu may be sent to 26th Bristol Scout Troop.

LOFTHOUSE. — On Jan. 5, 1985, peacefully, FRANCIS RICKERBY, aged 75 years, of Middleton-on-Sea, West Sussex, beloved husband of Frieda and father of Kenneth and Andrew. Funeral service at Chichester Crematorium on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 3.30 p.m. Family flowers only.

LOWE.—On Jan. 3, 1985, passed peacefully away after a short illness, EDITH, of The Poplars, Normans Place, Altrincham, widow of the late THOMAS STANLEY LOWE. Memorial service on Jan. 15, at 2 p.m. at St Margaret's Church, Dunham Massey. No flowers. Donations to Royal National Institute for the Deaf, 105, Gower Street, London, WC1.

LUMB.—On Jan. 4, 1985, peacefully, at home, MURIEL, dear wife of the late RICHARD ARNOLD LUMB, of Thornfield Way, Hinckley, Leicestershire. Donations in lieu of flowers for St Mary's Church Restoration Fund, c/o G. Seller Co. Ltd., 75, Upper Bond Street, Hinckley, Leicestershire.

MACDONA.—On Sunday, Jan. 6, 1985, peacefully in Mayday Hospital, Croydon, NANCY HATHWAY, of 61, Purley Park Road, Purley, in her 90th year. Re-founded the British School in the Netherlands, The Hague, in 1948. Much loved by an international circle of friends. Cremation at The Croydon Crematorium on Friday, Jan. 11, at 12.30 p.m. Inquiries to the Ebbutt Funeral Service, 89, High Street, Croydon. Tel. 01-688 5555.

McILROY.—On Jan. 5, peacefully, GINGLES McILROY, M.R.C.V.S., B.Sc., E.D., of Longstop, Stowe Lane, Colwall. Funeral service at Colwall Church, Saturday, Jan. 12, at 2 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations if desired, for Motor Neurone Disease Research.

MACKAY.—On Jan. 5, 1985, JEAN MARY MACKAY, M.B.Ch.B., (née Sheldon), dearly loved wife of the late Donald Hugh Mackay, F.R.C.S., and mother of Helen and Alison. Service at St Mary's, Nether Alderley, on Friday, Jan. 11, at 1.15 p.m. Family flowers only and donations if desired to St Mary's Nether Alderley, or The National Trust, c/o Hooley & Watson, 7 James Street, Macclesfield.

MACLEOD.—On Jan. 7, peacefully at home, OLGA LOUISE ELIZABETH, of Pleshey, Chelmsford, Essex, aged 87, wife of the late Alistair and a beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Funeral service at Pleshey Church, on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 2.30 p.m.

McQUIRK.—On Jan. 1, 1985, Dr CHRISTINA ALVEY. Requiem Friday, Jan. 11 at Catholic Church, Tadworth, 10.30 a.m. Small posies only or donations to Laser Appeal, Sutton Eye Unit. Inquiries to Tracloves, 01-647 1032.

MAHONEY.—On Jan. 4, 1985, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, PATRICK ANTHONY. Cremation at Oakley Wood Crematorium, Warwickshire, 1.30 p.m., Jan. 10. Memorial service in London to be announced later. Family flowers only please, but if wished donations to Cancer Research or British Heart Foundation may be sent to family.

MARCH.—On Jan. 5, peacefully, in hospital, DORIS, widow of George, much loved mother of Peter and Tony, and mother-in-law to Caty and Philippa and lovely granny to Luke, Sam, Polly and Robert. Cremation at Honor Oak Crematorium at 2.50 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 11. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Memorial Foundation. Tributes and inquiries to W. Uden & Sons Ltd., 375, Lordship Lane, Dulwich, S.E.22, by 1 p.m. on Jan. 11.

MARLAND.—On Jan. 4, 1985, peacefully at his home, 30, Victoria Crescent, Wyton, Cambs, HERBERT HYDE MARLAND, aged 86 years, formerly of Llanfairfechan, North Wales and Bramhall, Cheshire. Funeral service at Cambridge City Crematorium on Monday, Jan. 14, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only.

MASON.—On Jan. 6, 1985, peacefully at home, WILLIAM HARBANSE (Bill), much loved husband of Felicity, father of Michael, Peter, Jeremy and Richard, and grandfather. Private cremation followed by service of thanksgiving at All Saints Church, Great Chesterford, at 2.45 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 10. No flowers please. Donations to Parkinsons Disease Society, 36, Portland Place, London, W.1. Transport from Audley End will be arranged meeting 1.35 p.m. train from Liverpool Street station.

MASTERS.—On Jan. 3, suddenly, at his home, ANTHONY PETER, beloved son of Ron and Penny. Funeral service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Friday, Jan. 11, 1985, at 5 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to British Theatre Association Library, 9, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

MATTHEWS. — On Jan. 5, 1985, suddenly in hospital in London, GUY, darling husband of Sheila, dear brother of John, Barbara and Liz. Service at Putney Vale Crematorium 11 a.m., Monday, Jan. 14. Flowers to Buckle & Sons, 246, Fulham Road, Chelsea, S.W.10, by 9.30 a.m. Donations to the British Heart Foundation.

MAWBY.—On Jan. 5, at his home in Sedbergh, JAMES, sorely missed by his wife Mary and by his children and grandchildren. Committal service at Lancaster and Morecambe Crematorium on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 2 p.m. No flowers, please. Donations welcomed for the Sedbergh Boy's Club, Bradford, c/o Barclays Bank, Sedbergh, Cumbria.

MAXWELL STUART.—On Jan. 6, suddenly and peacefully, ALICE, of Stillington, York. Requiem Mass Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 12 noon, St John's Catholic Church, Easingwold, followed by burial. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired may be left in church or to C. Medd & Sons, Easingwold, in aid of the church and St Monica's Hospital. R.I.P.

MESSENGER.—On Jan. 4, 1985, peacefully in hospital, LAURENCE JAMES (Jim) aged 69, of Harmsworthy Way, Totteridge, London, beloved husband of Gwen and much loved father of Jill, Prue and Barbi and his seven grandchildren. Funeral service at St Marylebone Crematorium, East End Road, N2, on Friday, Jan. 11, at 3 p.m. Flowers or donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research Fund should be sent c/o Hayes & English, 125, Bowes Road, N13.

MIDDLETON.—On Jan. 4, 1985, EDWARD (Teddy), deeply loved husband of Beatrice. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium on Monday, Jan. 14, at 1 p.m. Flowers to Kengens, 132, Preston Road, London, W.10.

MOORE.—On Saturday, Jan. 5, 1985, peacefully, RONALD CLIVE, aged 67 years, of Little Tresevern, Stithians, Truro, Cornwall, dear husband of Lettie, much loved and will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, for the International League For The Protection of Horses, may be sent to Funeral Directors, W. J. Beswetherick & Son Ltd., Lemon Mews Road, Truro, Cornwall. Tel. 74021.

MORGAN.—On [illegible], at St Monica Home of Rest, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, EDITH MORGAN, aged [illegible] years, late of Clevedon. Funeral service at St Monica's Chapel on Monday, Jan. 14, at 2.15 p.m. Inquiries to Thomas Davis (FD) Bristol, tel. 663268.

MOSLEY.—On Jan. 5, 1985, the Hon. BRIGID SARAH, daughter of the late Lt Col The Hon. M. T. Henderson and Mrs Oonagh Henderson. Funeral 3 p.m., St Mary's Church, Buscot, Faringdon. Family and close friends.

MUNNS.—On Jan. 5, REGINALD THOMAS (Jon), of 40, St James Road, Tunbridge Wells, formerly of British Rail, Member of Board of Governors of London Central YMCA and honorary Vice President, dearly loved husband of Iris, devoted father of Elizabeth, Rosalind and Helen and loving grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral service at St James Church, Tunbridge Wells, on Monday, Jan. 14, at 2 p.m. followed by cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if desired may be sent to The British Heart Foundation, c/o R. Bickmore & Son, 41, Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

MURRAY.—On Jan. 5, suddenly, [illegible] NEALE MURRAY, retired Teacher, formerly at St Joseph's Academy, Blackheath, aged 71, a dear and generous man, who will be sadly missed. Service at Downs Crematorium, Brighton, 2 p.m. today (Jan. 8).

N[illegible].—On Jan. 7, 1985, at home at Teddington, Rev. Doctor DENNIS JOHN RICHARD, beloved husband of Myra, retired R.N., [illegible] much loved brother of Joan, Ashton and Dennis Currie.

N[illegible].—On Dec. 28, 1984, [illegible], of 1[illegible], Sydenham Park Road, SE26. Cremation at Honor Oak Crematorium at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 10. Donations in lieu of flowers to St Christopher's Hospice, Lawrie Park Road, SE26.

NEWMAN.—On Jan. 6, peacefully, Dr JOHN RICHARD NEWMAN, M.B.Ch.B., F.F.A.R.C.S., of Park Cottage, Farrington Road, Paulton; aged 42 years; dear husband and friends of Carole, adored father of Catherine, Elizabeth and James. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Timsbury, on Friday, Jan. 11, at 2 p.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only by request, but if desired donations for the Dorothy House Foundation, Bath, to Bryan G. Bishop, funeral director, Hallatrow Road, Paulton.

NICE.—On Jan. 5, 1985, in hospital, MABEL NICE (née Robins), of Bognor Regis, Sussex, loving wife of George, a dear mother and grandmother. Funeral service at St Wilfrids Church, Bognor Regis, on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 11 a.m., followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Graylingwell Hospital may be sent c/o Reynolds Funeral Directors, 31, High Street, Bognor Regis. Tel. 0243 864143.

NORMANTON.—On Jan. 4, at New Hall Hospital, FIONA, Countess of Normanton, mother of John and Anthony Fuller, Shaun Normanton and Mark Agar. Funeral at Ellingham Church, Somerley, Ringwood, on Friday, Jan. 11, at 2.30 p.m.

NORTON-SAGGE.—On Jan. 6, 1985, FREDERIC GERALD, of Preston, Rutland, dearly loved husband of Mavis. Cremation private. Service of thanksgiving at Preston Church at 3 p.m., on Friday, Jan. 11. No flowers please, but donations for Preston Church gratefully received, c/o The Rectory.

O'BRIEN.—On Jan. 1, 1985, ELIZABETH ANN, of 284, Brockley Road, S.E.4. Funeral on Monday, Jan. 14, Mass at St Mary Magdalen, Brockley, at 9.30 a.m., followed by burial at Hither Green Cemetery.

OLDHAM.—On Jan. 4, at Tavistock Hospital, CECIL RUPERT (Bill), aged 81 years. Funeral service at Walkhampton Church on Friday, Jan. 11, at 11 a.m., followed by cremation at Weston Mill. No flowers please. Donations if so desired to the Rev. J. M. Davey, The Rectory, Meavy, Yelverton; PL20 6PJ, for Walkhampton P.C.C.

OSBORNE.—On Jan. 6, peacefully in hospital, ROGER HENRY, dear husband of Eve, father of Sally, Judy and Tom. Funeral, Friday, Jan. 11, 1.30 p.m. at Mortlake Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to any charity.

PAGE.—On Jan. 4, 1985, RUSSELL PAGE, O.B.E., F.I.L.A., after a short illness in London. Funeral Little Badminton Church, Badminton, Avon, on Friday, Jan. 11, at 2.30 p.m. for family and friends. Flowers to Little Badminton Church, Badminton, Avon.

PALK.—On Jan. 4, 1985, peacefully at home, ELSIE IRENE LYDIA. Inquiries to Folkestone (0303) 52183.

PEARSON.—On Jan. 4, peacefully after a long illness at his home in Wimborne, Dorset, KEITH (J.K.), aged 64 years, late of Barclays International, loving husband of Alma and sadly missed by Lesley and Nicholas and Terry and Helen. Funeral service at Bournemouth Crematorium at 11.15 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 14. Flowers, or donations, in aid of the British Red Cross, may be sent to Nicholas O'Hara, Funeral Directors, 38, Rowlands Hill, Wimborne, 882134.

PENMAN.—On Jan. 7, peacefully after a long illness, DOREEN ESTHER, of Alington Gardens, Boston, Lincs, beloved wife of Alexander and mother of Andrew and Margaret. Funeral service at Boston Crematorium on Friday, Jan. 11, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Talking Newspaper for the Blind, c/o The Manager, TSB, Boston.

PENROSE.—On Jan. 6, 1985, suddenly, HENRY BARTON, dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Jan. 11, 2 p.m., at Holy Cross Church, Sarratt, followed by cremation at Amersham. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the British Red Cross Society.

PIGNEGUY.—On Sunday, Jan. 6, 1985, at Worthing Hospital after a long illness, JOHN MAURICE (Jack), of 10, Sunningdale Road, Worthing, Sussex, loving husband of Nellie, father to Paul and Michael. Rest in peace.

PINK.—On Dec. 31, at home, DAISY ALICE, aged 93 years, of Estridge Way, Tonbridge, Kent. Cremation service Tunbridge Wells, Friday, Jan. 11, at 12 noon.

PONTIN.—On Jan. 4, peacefully in a Tunbridge Wells nursing home, AMY MARGARET, aged 85, widow of STANLEY PONTIN and mother of Keith and Tom. Cremation at Tunbridge Wells on Friday, Jan. 11, at 2.30 p.m.

POWLESLAND.—On Jan. 3, at New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton, PERCY JAMES, aged 71, formerly rector of Finningley, near Doncaster, beloved husband of Mary, loving father of John and Ruth and the late David, father-in-law of Susan and Harry, grandfather of Mary, James, Carol and Daniel. Funeral, 2 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 8, at Holy Trinity and St Oswald's Church, Finningley. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy, London.

PROCTOR.—On Jan. 6, peacefully at home in Bexhill, W. STUART, dearly loved husband of Elsie. Funeral private. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to League of Friends, Bexhill Hospital, c/o Mummery, F/D, Bexhill-on-Sea.

RADFORD.—On Jan. 4, 1985, in a flying accident at Wichita Falls, Texas, EDDIE (Ed) LEE ROY, Flt Lt, R.A.F., loved younger son of Pauline and Roy, brother of Rebecca and Guy.

RAVEN.—On Jan. 3, 1985, peacefully in hospital, VIOLET, widow of Ernest. Service at Cannon Hill United Reformed Church at 1.30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 10, followed by cremation at the City of London Crematorium. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu if desired to Mencap, 115, Golden Lane, London, E.C.1.

RICE.—On Jan. 6, after a long period of disability endured without complaint, CYRIL CHARLES BROOKE, of Cooden, brother of Doris MacCulloch. Cremation at Eastbourne on Monday, Jan. 14, at 10 a.m. Please no flowers or letters.

ROBERTS.—On Jan. 6, 1985, peacefully in a nursing home, after a short illness, MAUREEN ROBERTS, beloved daughter of the late Louis and Bertha Emlyn Roberts and much loved sister of Gwynfre and the late John Roberts.

ROBERTSON.—On Jan. 4, at home, 7, South Grove, Horsham, LEONARD A. ROBERTSON, Hairdressing Proprietor, of 28, Station Way, Cheam. Funeral on Jan. 9 at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, at 4 p.m. No flowers, please. Donations if desired to Dr Topham's Fund, St Luke's Hospital, Guildford, Surrey.

ROBERTSON.—On Jan. 7, 1985, at 7A, Bisham Gardens, London, N.6, MARY CATHERINE. Cremation at St Marylebone Cemetery, East End Road, N.2, on Friday, Jan. 11, at 2 p.m. Flowers if wished to William Beckel, 9, Archway Road, N.19.

ROE.—On Jan. 6, 1985, FREDERICK GORDON ROE, F.S.A., Author; in his 92nd year. Funeral private. No mourning, no flowers.

ROGERS.—On Jan. 4, peacefully at home in Windsor, EDWARD WILLIAM. Funeral Slough Crematorium, 4 p.m., Jan. 11.

ROGERS.—On Jan. 5, suddenly and peacefully passed away, RONALD NELSON, dearly loved husband of Jo and wonderful father to John and Judy. Will be missed by all.

SHAW.—On Jan. 5, 1985, peacefully at her home, Strawberry Bank, Scotby, Carlisle, NAN C. SHAW, dear wife of the late W. E. Dale Shaw. Funeral service and cremation took place at Carlisle Crematorium. No letters, please.

SHELDRAKE.—On Jan. 6, 1985, suddenly but peacefully, HAROLD, aged 81, beloved father of Derek, Peter and Yvonne. Funeral service at St Anselm's Church, Belmont, on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 1 p.m., followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium at 1.45 p.m. Flowers to T. A. Ellement & Son Ltd, tel. 01-866 0324, or donations to St Anselm's Church, Venmor Avenue, Belmont, Middlesex.

SHEPPARD.—On Jan. 5, 1985, peacefully at Pilgrim Hospital, Boston, after a short illness, JACK SYDNEY SHEPPARD, C.B.E., aged 78 years, of Kings Avenue, Boston, Lincs, husband of Marjorie. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Boston, on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. Inquiries to Carr Funeral Services, Boston (0205) 64618.

SOTHCOTT.—On Jan. 7, peacefully, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Newport, Isle of Wight, GEORGE, devoted husband to Kathleen and father of Jeremy.

STANLEY.—On Jan. 7, in St Richard's Hospital, Chichester, ROGER STANLEY, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 79, beloved husband of Jane (Evelyn) and father of Keith and Michael. Inquiries please, to Edward White & Son, Chichester, tel. 782136.

STEELE.—On Jan. 4, 1985, after much illness borne with great courage and patience, ALAN WILLIAM, aged 79 years, very dearly loved husband of Joan. Funeral Friday, Jan. 11, at 2 p.m. at Worthing Crematorium, Findon. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Arthritis & Rheumatism Council, 8, Charing Cross Road, London, W.C.2.

STRUDWICK.—On Jan. 1, 1985, suddenly at Kingston Hospital, ETHEL BEATRICE. Service at St Mark's Church, Surbiton, Thursday, Jan. 10, at 10 a.m., followed by interment at Surbiton Cemetery. Inquiries 01-399 2080.

STURTON.—On Jan. 4, in her 82nd year, and while walking by the river at Bedford, MARY ELLEN PRATT STURTON, widow of Clement Sturton, F.R.C.S., beloved mother of Jack, Biddy and Twinkle, grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation at Bedford, 3 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 11.

SUCKLING.—On Jan. 4, peacefully at home, HENRY STANLEY. Funeral service at Llanmaes Church on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 2.15 p.m. followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, near Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan. Family flowers only. Donations to British Heart Foundation if desired. Inquiries to Llantwit Major 4571.

TAYLOR.—On Monday, Jan. 7, 1985, peacefully, CONSTANCE MURIEL, beloved wife of ALBERT WILLIAM (Pat) TAYLOR, darling mother of Gavin, dear mother-in-law of Helen, and loving "Grandie" of Karen, Sean and Camilla. Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Monday, Jan. 14, at 12 noon.

THOMAS.—On Jan. 4, at St Winifred's Hospital, Cardiff, following a long illness patiently borne, GWENDOLINE MEGAN, beloved wife of J. S. G., and devoted mother of Craig, Wayne, and Gareth, mother-in-law of Jill, Mary and Elizabeth, and grandmother of Jonathan, Malcolm, Gavin, Martyn and Stephen. Funeral service at Bethany Baptist Church, Heol Llanishen Fach, Rhiwbina, at 11.30 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 10, followed by private cremation. No flowers please, but donations, if desired to Tenovus, 11, Whitchurch Road, Cardiff.

THOMPSON.—On Jan. 5, 1985, peacefully in hospital in Leicester after a long illness, formerly of West Wickham, Kent, ETHEL MARY A. HART, the day after her 80th birthday, widow of A. GRANVILLE THOMPSON and mother of Stella Bennett. Private cremation. Family flowers only by request.

TOMLIN.—On Jan. 4, FREDA (Mary), aged 74 years. Requiem at St John's Church, Beaminster, Dorset, 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11. R.I.P.

VEGGIA.—On Jan. 6, 1985, peacefully in hospital, BETTY LORRAINE, of Folkestone, Kent. Funeral service at Barham Crematorium, Kent, on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 4 p.m. Flowers to 1, Dover Road, Folkestone. Sadly missed by her family and friends.

VILLIERS.—On Jan. 3, 1985, peacefully in hospital, EVELYN, in her 104th year, late of Kendall, widow of Major ALFRED VILLIERS. Funeral service at Torquay Crematorium on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 11 a.m. Inquiries to Torbay & District Funeral Service tel. Torquay (0803) 22447.

WARD.—On Jan. 4, 1985, at his home, Little Gorselands, Clevedon, RAYMOND JOHN WARD, O.B.E., F.R.I.C.S., L.R.I.B.A. (Retd), beloved and devoted husband of G.A. (Molly). Funeral service on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 2 p.m., Christ Church Clevedon, followed by cremation at Weston-super-Mare. No flowers by request, but donations if desired to National Institute for the Blind, c/o L. Bennett & Son, funeral directors, 9, Queens Road, Clevedon, Avon, BS21 7TH, tel. 0272 875882.

WATSON.—On Jan. 3, 1985, in an Eastbourne hospital, SYDNEY DOUGLAS, husband of Gwen, of Arundel Road, Eastbourne, Sussex. Funeral service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 12.30 p.m.

WEST.—On Jan. 4, 1985, suddenly and with characteristic lack of fuss, EILEEN OLIVE, much loved wife of HARRY LOCKWOOD WEST, mother to Timothy and Patricia, grandmother to Juliet, Samuel and Joseph and great-grandmother to Kathryn and Ben. Funeral on Monday, Jan. 14, at 2.45 p.m. at St Nicolas Church, Dyke Road, Brighton, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations to Shelter, Age Concern or C.N.D.

WESTLAKE.—On Jan. 7, suddenly at the Royal Free Hospital, GILLIAN ANNE, much loved wife and mother of Don, Colin and Anthony. Service on Friday, Jan. 11, at 10 a.m. at St Nicholas' Church, Elstree, Herts. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Nicholas' Church Hall Fund, c/o Elstree Rectory, Herts.

WHEELER.—On Jan. 6, at Parkland House, Exeter, DOROTHY, retired Deputy Headmistress Bishop Blackall School, Exeter, late of Lower Kings Avenue, Exeter. Funeral service the Methodist Church, Sidwell Street, Exeter, Friday, Jan. 11, 12.30 p.m., followed by cremation at the Exeter and Devon Crematorium. Inquiries to Mitchell Funeral Services, 4, Old Tiverton Road, Exeter. tel. Exeter 72682.

WHITE.—On Jan. 4, 1985, peacefully, FLORENCE ALICE WHITE, of Worthing, Sister Maud. Cremation at Worthing Crematorium on Friday, Jan. 11, at 4 p.m. Please no flowers. Donations in lieu, if so desired to St Barnabas Hospice, c/o H. D. Tribe Ltd, 61, Lyndhurst Road, Worthing 34516.

WHITE.—On Jan. 5, 1985, peacefully at St George's Hospital, Milford-on-Sea, HILDA, beloved wife of Bake, of 30, Barton Court Road, New Milton, Hants, formerly of Loughborough and Rugby. Family flowers only.

WHITEHOUSE.—On Jan. 6, 1985, peacefully in his sleep, Rev. STUART WELLESLEY, aged 91. Funeral service on Thursday, Jan. 10, at St Lawrence Church, St Lawrence, Isle of Wight, at 2 p.m. Flowers to Henry Ingram & Son, Ventnor Ltd, 12-20, Albert Street, Ventnor, Isle of Wight.

WILLIAMS.—On Jan. 4, at Lancaster Lodge Private Rest Home, Wimbledon, GRACE MARY FREDERICA, aged 93 years, much loved mother of Lesley. Funeral service 11 a.m., Friday, Jan. 11, at Putney Vale Crematorium. Flowers to Frederick W. Paine, 182 High Street, New Malden, Surrey.

WILLIAMS.—On Jan. 6, peacefully at Bridgend General Hospital, SARAH VERLIE, of 48, Victoria Avenue, Porthcawl, wife of the late WILLIAM HENRY WILLIAMS (Ex Blaenavon). Service at Margam Crematorium.

WILLIAMS.—On Jan. 5, in hospital, WINIFRED GERTRUDE, of Crews Hill, beloved wife of the late SYDNEY EDWARD WILLIAMS. Funeral service at Enfield Crematorium on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations to Multiple Sclerosis Society, 286, Munster Road, London SW6.

WITHEROW.—On Jan. 6, 1985, in hospital, FREDERICK, aged 81 years, dearly loved husband of Daphne and father of Christine and Pauline. Service at St Mary's Church, Sanderstead, on Friday, Jan. 11, at 3.15 p.m., followed by cremation at Croydon.

WITHERS.—On Jan. 6, 1985, at Hammersmith Hospital, peacefully, ELEANOR CLARE, dearly beloved wife of the late DONALD F. WITHERS, dearly loved mother and grandmother. Cremation at Mortlake, 12 noon, Monday, Jan. 14. Flowers to W. S. Bond, 8, Church Road, Acton, W3.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

BUCK.—JEANNE and family wish to thank all relatives, friends and colleagues for their support, tributes and donations in memory of LESLIE.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

ARCHIBALD.—The Funeral Service and cremation of JOAN ARCHIBALD will take place at Beckenham Crematorium on Friday, Jan. 11, 1985, at 10 a.m. Family flowers only.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ASQUITH.—A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of PAUL ASQUITH will be held at St Lawrence Jewry, next Guildhall, London, E.C.2, on Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 12 noon.

DENISON-PENDER.—There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of the Hon. RICHARD ERNEST DENISON-PENDER at the Church of St Clement, Sandwich, Kent, on Friday, Jan. 25, at 2.30 p.m.

LANE.—WINNY, of White House Farm, Crowborough.—Service of Remembrance Sunday, Jan. 13, at 2.30 p.m. at Withyham Church.

LIVINGSTON.—A Memorial Service for the late EDITH LIVINGSTON will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Henley-on-Thames, tomorrow (Wednesday, Jan. 9) at 12 noon.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

WELLS.—A Service of Thanksgiving for Lieutenant-Colonel J. E. C. WELLS, The Somerset L.I. (P.A.), will be held at All Saints Church, Rodden, Frome, at 2 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 21. All friends welcome.

IN MEMORIAM

BROCKLEBANK, ALAN FRANCIS, I.S.O.—Remembering with love and thanksgiving, my beloved [illegible], who died Jan. 8, 1978.—Elizabeth.

COX, DOROTHY ROSE.—Jan. 8, 1983. Beloved Wife of Sydney and Mother of Philip and Stephanie. Sadly missed.

CROSSE, DOROTHY MURIEL.—My dearly loved Sister.—Eileen Julyan.

PATERSON, W. A.—Remembered always with deep love and gratitude.—Beryl.

THE ARTS

"The Adoration," by Hippolyte Flandrin, an oil sketch for a mural in the church of Saint Germain-des-Prés.

ART / Academic trio

THOSE OF US who love Saint-*Germain-des-Prés*, recognising it as one of the most beautiful examples of Gothic architecture in Paris and one of the more suggestive of the city's churches have always been in two minds about the frescoes, executed in 1842-61 by Hippolyte Flandrin.

These frescoes, described by one guide as "bien peu médiévales mais non sans qualité," have always appeared as an intrusion: now we can understand them much better.

This is thanks to an exhibition of the work of Hippolyte Flandrin and his brothers, Auguste and Paul. It is at the Musée du Luxembourg in Paris until Feb. 10 and then, from March 5, can be seen in their native Lyon.

Anyone who cares about European art should see this exhibition. When we consider 19th-century painting, we think first of the Impressionists and of those others who forged a new pictorial language. Attention also goes back to the painters of the Barbizon School and the other precursors of Impressionism.

Acadameic painters, of whom the brothers Flandrin are an example, are, on the other hand, often ignored: Hippolyte was by far the most celebrated of the family and was acclaimed during his lifetime and for a while after his death in 1864, aged 55. He was a close, indeed a faithful follower of Ingres and is remembered for one of the most telling likenesses of Napoleon III. He should not, as he later was, have been overlooked.

Why he was successful is immediately clear at the Musée du Luxembourg: on entering the exhibition, we are faced by his vast "Christ and the Children" from Lisieux. (Its recent cleaning is one of the pretexts for the exhibition.)

Poussin would have sympathised, even if he might not have been enthusiastic. For the heritage of Rome where Hippolyte went after winning the Prix de Rome, is central to an understanding of his art. It is important too for Paul, who was his brother's close companion and collaborator, and who lived on until 1902. Paul's greatest claim to fame lies in his big landscapes, which contain echoes of both Claude and Gaspard Dughet.

Auguste Flandrin, the most provincial of the brothers, had an even shorter life than Hippolyte, for he died when only 38. He deserves to be remembered for his small, rather naive portraits and for some oil sketches which, like certain of those by Paul, have an appealing freshness.

Terence Mullaly

BALLET / Genée Awards

THERE WAS MUCH to enjoy at the Genée Awards, the programme presented every year by the Royal Academy of Dancing, and given on Sunday night at the **Palace Theatre.**

David Wall is now artistic director of the R A D — with his departure the Royal Ballet has lost one of its finest dancers, but at least he has moved into another post where he can make good use of his artistry and his immense stage experience. He had the admirable idea of bringing in Galina Samsova to give the class which the finalists competing for the Genée Awards take before *performing their solos.*

The fine standard of dancing of the Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet nowadays owes much to the teaching of Galina Samsova, who has herself learned much from other great teachers, notably Maria Fay, and it was a delight to see her working with the finalists, very carefully bringing them up to a stage when they could do justice to their solos, meanwhile correcting their faults and demonstrating beautifully.

While the judges were deliberating, a group of dancers from the Royal Ballet performed, in honour of Frederick Ashton's 80th birthday, two pieces choreographed by him. Fiona Chadwick was outstanding *in the pas de quatre* he created for "Swan Lake"; she used her shoulders with elegance, and showed fine musicality.

Six different awards were there to be won, but, as the *judges noted, there were no* outstanding entrants this year. They accordingly presented a bronze medal to the male dancer Hinh Nhu Phuoc, and two silver medals to Kathryn Dunn and Maria Roselli.

Fernau Hall

MUSIC / Corsi, Mason, Kimber

IN AN entertaining recital at the **Purcell Room** on Sunday night the clarinettist Belinda Corsi shared her platform with her fine pianist David Mason who performed most sensitively for us Mozart's 9 Variations K.264 and the soprano Auriol Kimber who sang songs by Ravel and Bridge.

Miss Corsi opened with a warm interpretation of Brahms's Sonata in E flat, her sound nicely rounded, vibrant in the lower register, and closed the first half with a gracious little *work by Spohr, succinct and* enterprising in construction, the rarely heard Fantasie and Variations on a theme of Danzi.

After the interval she gave a lyrically expansive performance of Schumann's "Fantasiestücke" capable of tenderness and vivacity and presented also the premiere of Paul Carr's "Dance Places" stylistically anachronistic maybe, technically adroit, attractive and often original in turn of phrase. She closed with a lively rendering of a Rossini Fantasia.

For the rest we heard Miss Kimber in Ravel's "Cinq Melodies Populaires Grecques" and three of Bridge's less radical earlier songs including the radiant "Thy Hand in Mine." A little tense at the outset, she *nevertheless communicated a* sense of the Greek songs' ethnic simplicity and boldness, and brought romance and sympathy to the Bridge.

Anthony Payne

Konstanze Eickhorst

FOR HER recital at the **Queen Elizabeth Hall** on Sunday night the young German pianist Konstanze Eickhorst performed two great sonatas, the rarely heard Brahms in C major, published as his Op. 1, and Beethoven's last, the C minor, Op. 111, allegiance being paid to the older composer in the use of the opening theme of the "Hammerklavier" Sonata made by Brahms in the first and last movements of his work.

Miss Eickhorst is an exciting Brahms player, bringing out the drama and poetry with her generous and flexible tone. The orchestral quality of the work was realised, as was the athleticism of the figurations in the Scherzo and Finale.

The Arietta and variations were the most rewarding features in Op. 111, judicious as to tempi and carefully scaled. On the other hand, a somewhat restrained range of tone ushered in the Allegro section of the first movement where a feeling of haste was produced by some curtailment of note values.

The range and depth of Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D major (BWV 912) were admirable and there was charm in Mozart's lavishly ornamented Variations on "La belle Françoise" K.355, temporarily marred by a slip in one of the quick variations.

David Money

ICE SHOW / Holiday '85

FOR the 35th consecutive winter, the frozen stage holds court at **Wembley Arena.** In vivid orange-trousered costumes and with bare midriffs, some 40 skaters keep the audience spellbound during an exciting interpretation of Ravel's hauntingly repetitive "Bolero."

Gradually accelerating to a climax of orchestration, this choreographic highlight closes the first half of "Holiday on Ice '85" to unusually prolonged applause. An earlier version of this inspired Torvill and Dean to use the same music for their Olympic triumph — and no wonder.

The customary shows-within-a-show format opens energetically with the fleet in port, albeit icebound, reminiscent of a Gene Kelly film, every performer skates with panache. The youngest patrons are later well considered by a rink debut for the Smurfs, those dwarf-like characters first seen in a 1958 newspaper comic strip, and more recently on the home screen.

An imaginative romantic fairy tale in a strikingly dressed Space-Age Shangri-la precedes a finale salute to New York, ranging from a nostalgic 19th-century setting in Central Park to the razzamatazz of modern Manhattan, replete with the sparkling illuminations and pyrotechnics with which this company inevitably closes. To borrow a phrase from that number's theme song, this ice show is definitely "top of the head."

The technical skills of the principals are cleverly absorbed en masse rather than in separate spots, which in no way diminishes the impact of a veteran West German pair, Gudrun Hauss and Walter Häfner, an exuberant Karena Richardson, who was four times British champion, and a vivacious American, Valerie Matzke.

To rivet attention from an auditorium three times larger than most West End theatres, any speciality act is a daunting task. Parisian Alain LeGal succeeds with the almost forgotten art of stilt skating. So does Jimmy Peacock with two evergreens — the illusory third leg and clockwork dancing dolls—*but* some tediously unfunny slapstick is twice thankfully halted by welcome reappearances of a particularly spruce and alluring corps de ballet.

Howard Bass

Some of these reviews appeared in later editions yesterday.

Sir Leonard Woolley

By Our Arts Staff

The 50th anniversary of Sir Leonard Woolley's final season of the outstandingly successful excavations at Ur in southern Mesopotamia is being marked by a special display of photographs at the British Museum.

The skill and care with which Woolley (1880-1960) recovered the treasures of the so-called "Royal Cemetery," dating from about 2500 B.C. marked him out as one of the great archaeological excavators of the century. Many of the spectacular objects discovered are now displayed in the Babylonian Room at the British Museum.

Peace concert

By Our Arts Staff

John Williams, the guitarist, and prize-winning pianist Fou Ts'ong, folk singers Ralph McTell, Peggy Seeger and Ewan MacColl and actors Clive Swift and Eileen Atkins join forces for a Gala Concert for Peace staged by Musicians Against Nuclear Arms at the Royal Festival Hall, London, on Monday Jan. 28.

TV / Wagnerian soap

BY NOW it is fairly clear that Tony Palmer sees himself as the new Ken Russell; not a mantle one would wish to lay lightly on anybody. With "Puccini," an absurd mishmash of styles, he has already launched himself over the top. In Wagner (C4) it now looks as if he was well on the way up.

Made at enormous expense of resources and money, like one *of Wagner's own epics, hawked* round TV stations here and abroad, Palmer's five-hour film (originally nine) is based on the belief that if you pack everything in, you must end up with a masterpiece. It isn't true; it never was. Mere length and luxury do not of themselves bring greatness, only an enormously increased need to get the vision right.

Inspired by the towering figure of music's supreme egotist, Palmer felt a compulsion to encompass that extraordinary life and achievement in one dramatic span. At times, he came remarkably close to success. The opening sequence of Wagner's Venetian funeral, repeated life a *leitmotiv* near the end, the high shot from Siena's cathedral of Wagner musing on the past, were magnificent. Laszlo Galffi's King Ludwig (one of the best performances in the piece) touchingly suggested the adoration of the romantic young monarch for his god on earth.

But marble vistas and dramatic highlights are not enough to sustain five hours, nor was Charles Wood's undistinguished script. For all its length, it told us little of Wagner the artist, except at superficial level. Of Wagner the bloated monomaniac, convinced the world owed his genius all that he might demand, it spoke all too much. Every so often, it lapsed into silly vulgarities — the kind that finally destroyed Russell — of comic mayors and broker's men and a comic-opera List.

For all its ambitious scale and would-be grandeur, "Wagner" *finally* came out like an upmarket soap opera, an overblown charade, hung *about with Hollywood clichés*, theatrical knights, and never quite convincing performances *from* its central actors, Richard Burton and Vanessa Redgrave.

Wagner lovers, if any were *watching, must* have winced at Palmer's worst offence: the relentless, indiscriminate use of the music, spattered in gobbets over nearly every frame, often without relevance to the action. As Sir Thomas Beecham remarked, the English may not know much about music, but they love the sound it makes.

It costs close on a million pounds to train a Royal Naval submarine captain; within the space of a crisp, closely packed half-hour, the BBC's newest weekly documentary series gave you a pretty good idea why.

Jonathan Crane's **Submarine** (BBC-1), in the first of six programmes, followed four experienced officers, two lieutenants and two lieutenant commanders, being put through the gruelling tests that alone can win a sub captain's ticket.

In turn, they took over the vessel as it launched mock attacks against three frigates. With seconds to spare, they had to make the crucial decision to "go deep" before the enemy could ram them, if possible launching a torpedo on the way.

"Submarine," apart from conveying the tenseness of men under pressure and playing for high stakes (failure means departure from the submarine service), is also astonishingly beautiful whenever the camera gets outside the conning tower. Next week we'll know who made it; failure rate is 40 per cent.

Richard Last

RADIO / Graphic pictures

IT IS strange the way radio can make graphic art so vivid. Regular listeners to Radio 3's "Critics Forum" (Saturdays) or Radio 4's "Kaleidoscope" or, from time to time, Brian Matthew's "Round Midnight" on Radio 2 will know at once what I mean. When the right people talk enthusiastically *about pictures, what is in them*, and how they are made, it often makes more sense than when, on television, the cold eye of the camera holds its own detail and lags behind the watcher's mind.

It helps, of course, when you know the pictures. In Mel Calman's Radio 3 essay on Al Hirschfeld, the NEW YORK TIMES's drama critic in caricature form (New Year's Day), the visual associations were all there, as Mr Calman said, already. So (to take his example) if you close your eyes and think of Carol Channing what you are most likely to see is Hirschfeld's Channing with the mouth and the hair and the stance and the gestures.

In the course of their conversation Mr Hirschfeld told Mr Calman that, over the years, people quite often grow to resemble the way he drew them in the first place. The programme's title, **Jimmy Durante's Nose** (and other Faces) managed to point out a few of the *reasons why, most* of them to do with Mr Hirschfeld's art, craft, wit and intelligence.

It all has to do with how deeply the artist's eye sees and how well his hand can draw, but in the elucidation of this basic principle, what the listener heard took him on a trip through the theatre and newspaper worlds of the past 50 years. We halted along the way for the tales of the Perelman/Hirschfeld South Seas trip and the disaster of the joint effort musical, "Sweet Bye and Bye," which made that trip imperative.

There were memories of out of town reactions to another show, the one which became "Oklahoma," and recollections of people, from Billy Rose to Jimmy Durante, which added point to the essay and salt to the tale. Mel Calman's style is not best suited to doing the formal introductory prose of programmes, like this, which seem to demand it. He is, however, both a reporter and a conversationalist I hope to hear *on radio again.*

Radio, of course, has its own caricaturists. Half an ear applied to **Week Ending** (Radio 4), will produce a positive posy of Kinnocks, Scargills, Thatchers and all other due subjects both east and west. Whether the effect pleases depends on how well the team can match humorous point to aural accuracy. Even when it doesn't please, this is always a programme to make you think.

The Wow Show, Radio 4's new late-night Saturday show, might just make you throw up. Last week's opening effort was a Dickensian parody, loaded with puns, passing references and pastiche and unmemorable for pith. If jokes could have acne this show would need a radical change of diet.

Gillian Reynolds

First woman on Everest expedition

By WILLIAM BARTON

A BRITISH expedition to attempt the north east ridge route to the summit of Everest, the last unclimbed route of the world's highest mountain, is to be sponsored by the Pilkington glass company.

The only previous attempt on the approach was led by Chris Bonnington in 1982, and was abandoned after the deaths of two team members, Peter Boardman and Joe Tasker.

The new attempt will be made in March and take about three months for the 16-strong team, led by Scottish mountaineer, Malcolm Duff, to tackle the two-mile-long ridge.

The team will include the first British woman climber to attempt the 29,002ft mountain, Mrs Julie Tullis 40, from Tunbridge Wells, and will be using lightweight equipment to cope with the climbing above 26,000 feet.

Final assault

If the weather is good the expedition hopes to make the final assault in May.

Mr Duff, of South Queensferry, Edinburgh, said yesterday:

"It will not be easy but our team is young, strong and experienced.

"We have collectively over 40 major expeditions under our belt, including seven successful assents on 8,000-metre peaks.

Pilkington is providing financial and practical help and several company products, including night vision equipment, reactolite sunglasses and special plastic lenses developed to combat snowglare, will be tested on the climb.

Camp manager

The other members of the expedition will be: Bob Barton, from Aviemore, Sandy Allan, from Inverness-shire; Andy Greig, from Edinburgh; Chris Watts, from London; Kurt Diemberger, from Switzerland; Nick Kekus, from Leeds; John Tinker, from London; Andy Nisbet, of Aberdeen, and Terry Dailey, from Middlesex.

Mr David Bricknell, from Southport, who is Pilkington company secretary, will be on the expedition for the first six weeks as advance base camp manager.

The other members of the team will be Alan Fyffe, from Aviemore, Tony Brindle, from Leyland, Lancs., a swiss doctor, Mr Urst Wiget, and Mrs Liz Duff, wife of the expedition leader.

NEW DIRECTOR IS STAUNCH PROTESTANT

By Our Churches Correspondent

The Church Society, one of the oldest Anglican evangelical agencies, has become once again strongly conservative in its affirmation of the Church of England as Bible-based and definitely Protestant.

This follows the appointment of Dr David Samuel, formerly general secretary of the Protestant Reformation Society, as its director. The society's journal CHURCHMAN is also now under closer control by its 20-strong council.

RAMBLER'S TARGET

The Ramblers' Association is marking its 50th year with a drive to increase membership from 45,000 to 50,000. On March 31, it will launch a "jubilee walk" covering 2,000 miles of footpaths.

Council scuppers boy's chance of navy career

By WILLIAM BARTON

A 13-YEAR-OLD boy's chance of an education at a Naval training college has been sunk by Liverpool's Left-wing city council, which has refused a grant towards the £750-a-term fees.

Opposition councillors claim the decision is over the council's opposition to the armed forces, although the council chairman, Mr Hugh Dalton, recently paid an official civic visit to the college.

Neil Carroll, of Oakland Road, Aigburth, Liverpool, is the son of a shopkeeper, and was accepted for a place at H M S Indefatigable, Anglesey, North Wales, with a first class reference from his commanding officer in the Sea Cadets.

The college trains boys for careers in both the Royal Navy and Merchant Navy.

Neil's parents, Hugh and Marjorie Carroll, offered to pay half the fees, but their application for the remainder failed.

Their appeal against the decision was rejected yesterday by the personal services sub-committee.

Committee chairman Mr Harry Smith, said: "The appeal is being turned down because we don't agree with this sort of education."

Conservative Councillor Ernest Pine, a member of the sub-committee, said: "Even council officers think it is disgraceful. This is the first administration in Liverpool ever to turn down such an application and the reasons are quite clear.

"They are anti armed forces. Their attitude is an extension of the Greenham Common attitude.

"But it is contrary to everything the council has said about job opportunity. Here is a young boy with a real chance of landing a job and they are rejecting him. It is such a small investment but it is money well spent."

'A little help'

Mrs Carroll, said: "We feel very strongly about this. We are not asking for 100 per cent — just a little help. There is no way we could afford to pay £45-a-week. But we are prepared to pay half, and that has been refused."

"Neil is very upset. He has set his heart on a naval career. We have two older boys and neither has worked since leaving school. We don't want this to happen to Neil."

ART GALLERIES

BARBICAN ART GALLERY, Barbican Centre, E.C.2. 01-638 4141. JAMES TISSOT plus THE CITY'S PICTURES until Jan. 30. admission £1·50 and 75p. reduced rates for pre-booked parties. Open Tues. to Sat. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.: Sun and b. hols. 12 to 6 p.m.: closed Mon. except b. hols.

BETHNAL GREEN MUSEUM OF CHILDHOOD. Cambridge Heath Rd. E.2. tel. 01-980 3415. SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS & THE NUTCRACKER PRINCE. until 20 Jan. adm. free. Weekdays 10-6. Sun. 2.30-6. Closed Fridays.

BRITISH LIBRARY/BRITISH MUSEUM Great Russell St W.C.1. ANGLO-SAXON ART. 966 1066. Weekdays 10-5. Sundays 2.30-6. Admission £2. Recorded info. 01-580 1788.

TATE GALLERY, Millbank, S.W.1. SUSAN ROTHENBERG: Paintings. Until 20 Jan. WILLIAM JAMES MULLER: Watercolours. Until 17 March. Adm. free. Wkdys 10-5.50. Suns 2-5.50. Recorded info. 01-821 7128.

FISCHER FINE ART, 30 King St, St James's S.W.1. 839 3942. The inner world of DAVID WEST—Allegories and Satires of our time—two and three dimensional works in wood. Also GUNNAR NORRMAN—Recent Drawings and Drypoints, until 11 January. Mon.-Fri. 10-5.30.

BRITISH MUSEUM, CHINESE ORNAMENT: THE LOTUS AND THE DRAGON. Mon.-Sat. 10-5. Suns 2.30-6. Adm. free. Recorded info. 01-580 1788.

FINE ART SOCIETY, 148, New Bond St., W.1. 01-629 5116. EILEEN HOGAN. Women in the Navy.

MUSEUM OF MANKIND, Burlington Gardens, W.1. INUIT-ESKIMO: People of the North American Arctic. Mon.-Sat. 10-5. Suns 2.30-6. Adm. free.

VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSEUM, Sth Kensington. DISCOVERY OF THE LAKE DISTRICT. Adm. free. JOHN FRENCH FASHION PHOTOGRAPHER, adm. £1. Library open 7-15th Jan. Weekdays 10-5.30. Sun. 2.30-5.30: closed Fridays. Recorded info. 01-581 4894.

LECTURES

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON (Gower St., WC1E 6BT). Public Lectures in various subjects, commencing 14 January, will be held during the Spring Term in the lunch-hour 1.10 to 2 p.m. and in the evening. Admission Free, Without Ticket. Full details from Publications Office. (Stamped envelope required.)

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KENSINGTON PALACE, Jan. 7.

The Prince of Wales this morning opened the new Stilton Cheese Making Dairy of Long Clawson Dairy Limited at Harby, near Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire.

Major Jack Stenhouse was in attendance.

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the new offices of the Disabled Living Foundation, Harrow Road, W.9, and the Queen's Park Health Centre, Dart Street, W.10, on Feb. 27.

The Prince of Wales, Patron of the English Chamber Orchestra and Music Society and President of the Bach Choir, will attend the Bach Tercentenary Concert to be given by the English Chamber Orchestra and the Bach Choir at the Royal Albert Hall on March 21.

Princess Anne, Chancellor of the University of London, will attend a Foundation Day ceremony at the School of Pharmacy, Brunswick Square, W.C.1, on March 6.

The Duke of Kent will open the Kent Fire Brigade's new Control and Command Centre, Maidstone, on March 20.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr John Martin Scott, late of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and of Banque Belge London, will be held at the Church of St Clement Danes, Strand, at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 6, 1985.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

The Hon. Mabel Strickland is 86 today; Mr Georgi Malenkov is 83; Mr S. G. Cameron 61; and Mr David Bowie 38.

Forthcoming Marriages

Lieut R. N. Storrs-Fox, R.N., and Miss M. E. W. Jenkins

The engagement is announced between Roderick, second son of Mr and Mrs H. M. Storrs-Fox, of Pightle House, Bourton, Dorset, and Margaret, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. H. H. Jenkins, of The Barn, Stogumber, Taunton.

Capt. R. F. C. Andrew and Miss W. H. J. Gray

The engagement is announced between Captain Robert Andrew, The King's Own Scottish Borderers, eldest son of Colonel and Mrs J. H. Andrew, and Wendy, younger daughter of the late Mr Andrew Gray, of Blantyre, Malawi, and of Mrs Hilda Gray.

Flt Lt M. C. Simons and Miss J. Hunter

The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Group Captain and Mrs C. A. E. Simons, of Farnham, Surrey, and Jacqueline, only daughter of Mrs Pamela Hunter, of All Stretton, Salop.

Mr A. J. Campbell, R.N., and Miss J. F. Hamilton

The engagement is announced between Sub-Lieutenant Andrew John Campbell, R.N., son of Mr and N. T. Campbell, of Perth, and Janet Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A. Hamilton, Kirklee, Glasgow.

Mr D. R. Pritchard and Miss F. J. Judd

The engagement is announced between Lieutenant David Pritchard, 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's), son of the late Mr I. D. Pritchard and of Mrs C. D. Pritchard, of Toronto, Canada, and Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. G. Judd, of Cascais, Portugal.

Dr J. Lipton and Miss S. M. Beacon

The engagement is announced between Jonathon, elder son of Dr and Mrs S. Lipton, of The Wirral, and Susan Beacon, LL.B. Hons., daughter of Dr and Mrs S. Beacon, of Liverpool.

Mr M. L. Moore and Miss C. M. Mason

The engagement is announced between Martin Luke, elder son of Brigadier and Mrs P. N. M. Moore, of The Old Farmhouse, Hazeley Bottom, Hampshire, and Caroline Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Y. H. Mason, of Stallen Farm, Nether Compton, Dorset.

Mr W. T. Main and Miss A. J. Black

The engagement is announced between William Thomson Main, BVMS, MRCVS, eldest son of Mr William Main, BVMS, MRCVS, and Mrs Main, of Rosemount Drive, Bickley, Kent, and Ailsa Jane Black, BVMS, MRCVS, only daughter of Mr W. and Dr Cynthia Black, of Briarwood, Swallowfield, Berkshire.

Mr G. I. Hunter and Miss P. S. Mills

The engagement is announced between Gordon Innes, only son of Mr N. J. Hunter, of Canterbury, Kent, and Mrs D. E. Howson, of Folkestone, Kent, and Penelope Susan, youngest daughter of Air Commodore and Mrs N. H. Mills, of Chalgrove, Oxford.

Mr S. M. Fishman and Miss N. J. Maltby

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs M. B. Fishman, of Croydon, Surrey, and Nicola, daughter of Colonel and Mrs H. R. C. Maltby, of Yarmouth, Isle of Wight.

Mr S. R. Lindsay and Miss N. J. Yapp

The engagement is announced between Stuart, son of Group Captain D. S. Lindsay, O.B.E., D.F.C., and Mrs Lindsay, of Hilldene, Brockweir, Gwent, and Jane elder daughter of Mr and Mrs C. D. Yapp, of Brynhedydd, Rhiwderin, Gwent.

Mr J. P. A. Lys and Miss G. Burke

The engagement is announced between James Patrick Arthur, elder son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs J. A. Lys, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Burke, of Greenford, Middlesex.

Mr G. P. Molloy and Miss F. Thomson

The engagement is announced between Gavin, son of Lt-Col and Mrs P. G. Molloy, of Sturminster Newton, Dorset, and Fiona, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. P. T. Thomson, of Greenock, Renfrewshire.

Mr J. A. Coles and Mrs S. J. Berry

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of the late Major C. H. H. Coles and of Mrs Elizabeth Coles, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alexander McGrady, of Brought Ferry, Angus.

Mr A. J. Ritson and Miss S. R. May

The engagement is announced between James, youngest son of the late Captain G. A. M. Ritson and of Mrs R. T. Hayes, of Potterne, Wiltshire, and Susan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W. W. May, of Cranleigh, Surrey.

Mr S. C. K. Oxley and Miss E. L. Riley

The engagement is announced between Stephen, only son of Mr and Mrs G. H. Oxley, of Hawkley, Hampshire, and Louise, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs P. F. B. Riley, of Old Alresford, Hampshire.

Mr S. J. Beer and Miss E. A. Purslow

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs B. Beer, of Newick, East Sussex, and Beth, daughter of Dr and Mrs B. W. Purslow, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr D. C. Reynard and Miss C. A. Owen

The engagement is announced between David Charles, son of the late Mr R. J. Reynard and of Mrs J. Reynard, Rookery Nook, Carreg Hailin Lane, Dyserth, and Ceri Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs K. R. Owen, Nant-Lewis-Alyn, Llandyrnog, Denbigh.

Mr J. K. Donaldson and Miss A. K. J. Wright

The engagement is announced between James Kenneth, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. K. Donaldson, Brooklea, East Mill, Currie, Edinburgh, and Alison Kristina Joyce, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. J. Wright, Braeside Loch, Ascog Road, Rothesay, Isle of Bute.

Mr M. A. Bell and Miss K. S. Willis

The engagement is announced between Malcolm, eldest son of the late Harold Bell and of Mrs George Ridgway, of Coverack Bridges, Cornwall, formerly of Sidmouth, Devon, and Katharine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs George Willis, of Compton, Surrey.

Mr K. K. Karlsen and Miss A. C. Hallinan

The engagement is announced between Kjell Konrad, son of Mr and Mrs Kjell Karlsen, of Oslo, Norway, and Anita Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hallinan, The Manor House, Great Wymondley, Herts.

Mr R. M. Toynbee and Miss V. L. Meek

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Toynbee, of Wadhurst, Sussex, and Vanessa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Wilfred Meek, of Tenterden, Kent.

Mr J. B. Hodgson and Miss F. M. Crook

The engagement is announced between Benjamin, younger son of Mr and Mrs Keith Hodgson, of Wraxall, Avon, and Fanny, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Crook, of Lewes, Sussex.

Mr M. Durrant and Miss E. F. Skone James

The engagement is announced between Marc Durrant, of Lee Green, London, and Emma Skone James, of Shortlands, Bromley, Kent.

DINNER

Feltmakers' Company

The Master's dinner of the Feltmakers' Company, traditionally held on Plough Monday, was held last night at Tallow Chandlers' Hall. The Master, Mr Giles Wontner, presided and the principal guests were Ald. and Sheriff D. K. Rowe-Ham, Ald. and Sheriff C. D. Spratt, Sir Hugh Wontner, Judge Ellison, Judge Fife, Mr R. E. Auld, Q.C., Master of the Woolmens' Company, Mr J. I. H. Wontner and Mr Roy Plomley.

CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL

Spring term at the City of London School begins today, and ends on March 29. Entrance and Scholarship Examinations will be held on Feb. 4, 5 and 6. The Spring Concert will be given at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 9; and there will be four performances of the School Play, "Romeo and Juliet," on the evenings of March 20 to 23. The 1984 School Charity Appeal raised £12,000 for the Ravenswood Foundation. This year's appeal is for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

COLFE'S SCHOOL

Spring Term at Colfe's School begins today and ends on March 29: Half-term is from Feb. 18-22. The Combined Choral Society performs "Judas Maccabeus" at the Royal Albert Hall on Feb. 15. Tickets may be obtained from the School; tel. 01-852 2283. The music tour to the United States departs on March 31: "Judas Maccabeus" will be performed in New York on April 12. Captain of Football is A. Evans. The OC match will be on March 30. The Old Colfeians Association celebrates its centenary with a calendar of events in 1985; for details telephone Mr B. Monk on 01-852 5046. The centenary dinner dance is on March 28.

HABERDASHERS' MONMOUTH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Haberdashers' Monmouth School for Girls opens today for the Spring Term and will close for Easter holidays on March 29. A Sixth Form French Conference will be held at the school on Feb. 6. Lectures will be given by members of the French department of University College, Cardiff. Half-term will be from Feb. 15 to 21. A Sixth Form History Conference will be held at the school on Feb. 28. The annual Eisteddfod will be on March 1. A careers convention is planned for March 15.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr F. J. Hill

The Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, Sir Joshua Rowley, was present at the memorial service for Mr John Hill held yesterday in the Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds. The Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, the Provost of St Edmundsbury, and Canon Brian Thompson took part. Mrs Hill (widow) attended with other members of the family and the congregation also included representatives of Suffolk County Council, the University of East Anglia, Cambridge Institute of Education, Homerton College, Cambridge, the Royal National Institute for the Blind, the Sports Council and the Sports Aid Foundation.

LUNCHEONS

Her Majesty's Government

Mr Richard Luce, M.P., Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Mrs Luce were hosts at a luncheon given yesterday at Lancaster House by Her Majesty's Government in honour of the Japanese Ambassador and Mme Hirahara.

Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company

Mr R. W. E. Payne was installed as Master for the ensuing year at the installation court luncheon of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company held yesterday at Innholders' Hall. Guests were:

Sir Peter Lane, Ald. W. Allan Davis, the Masters of the Coopers' and Turners' Companies, Mr E. W. Swanton, Mr R. O. Demys and Mr Peter May.

ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE

Lent Term at St Dunstan's College, Catford, commences today and ends on Friday, March 29, exeat being from Feb. 16 to 20. Matthew d'Ancona is Head of School. Productions by the Dramatic Society will be on Feb. 27 and 28 and March 1, and by the Preparatory Department on March 26 and 27. The Entrance and Scholarship Examinations will take place on Feb. 5.

Clockmakers' Company

The Clockmakers' Company has installed the following officers for the ensuing year: Master, Sir Charles Ball; Senior Warden, Viscount Falmouth; Renter Warden, Mr R. L. Mellor; and Junior Warden, Mr P. M. Vine. Mr B. G. L. Jackman was appointed Deputy Master.

New Bond film for new Pinewood set

By ROBIN STRINGER
TV and Radio Correspondent

THE world's largest film stage, the James Bond set at Pinewood Studios, destroyed by fire last June, was reopened yesterday and renamed the Albert R. Broccoli stage after the man who invented it.

In acknowledging the tribute, Mr Broccoli, who has so far produced 14 Bond films at Pinewood beginning with "Dr No" in 1962, gave Pinewood and its workforce the best news he could by announcing that he was planning a 15th Bond film.

Though all Ian Fleming's novels have already been turned into films, Mr Broccoli said that there was still short story material available and that with the approval of the Fleming estate new situations for the Bond character could be invented.

Introducing Mr Broccoli, the present James Bond, Roger Moore, now making "A View to a Kill" in the £1¼ million new studio, said he could not attribute the size of the studio either to Mr Broccoli's girth or even to the size of his wallet.

The stage, which measures 378ft long by 136ft wide by 40ft high, has been built to the same dimensions as its predecessor which was opened by the former Prime Minister Sir Harold Wilson, in 1976.

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LERMIT, A. M., Amersham, Bucks, retired chartered accountant	157,939
MATHER, Mrs Beatrice M., Orpington, Kent	184,026
ORME, Miss Una M., Southfields	177,256
TICKLER, W. M., Harpswell, Lincs	165,616

TODAY'S EVENTS

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards, 11.

British Museum: George Hart "Deities of the Pharaohs; Osiris, foremost of the Westerners".* 11.30: "Land of the Pharaohs: Nile and desert." 1.15.

National Gallery: Paul Spencer-Longhurst "Style (1) Early Renaissance architecture in Florence." 1.

Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, Shaftesbury Avenue: Dr Howard Williams, 1.15.

St Martin-in-the-Field, Trafalgar Square: Eva Maria Alexandre piano recital, 1.05.

St Lawrence Jewry, Guildhall: Margaret Phillips organ recital, 1.

TOMORROW'S EVENTS

Queen's Life Guards mounts, Horse Guards, 11; Queen's Guard mounts, Buckingham Palace, 11.30.

British Museum: Patsy Vanags "Roman wallpaintings." 11.30: "Bread and circuses: emperor and people in ancient Rome." 1.15.

National Gallery: Colin Wiseman "Style (2) International Gothic." 1.

St Bride's, Fleet Street: Graham Wood Green recital, 1.15.

St Olaves, Hart Street: Nan Peek piano recital, 1.05.

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World Chess

KARPOV TWIST IN OPENING

By B. H. WOOD
Chess Correspondent

A PLAN to switch the 39th game in the World Chess Championship to Moscow's Hall of Columns was abandoned yesterday after objections from both players.

Each expressed annoyance at the downgrading. Chess grand masters command prestige in Russia.

Anatoly Karpov introduced a quaint twist, adopting the same opening as Gary Kasparov in the round before, so that each was adopting the other's line of play.

Kasparov appeared taken aback for a moment, but then played fluently. Only on move 22 did the play diverge.

The adjourned position points to a draw, but Karpov could continue to manoeuvre against Kasparov's isolated queen's pawn.

Queen's Gambit

Karpov White	Kasparov Black
1 N-KB3	P-Q4
2 P-Q4	N-KB3
3 P-B4	P-K3
4 B-N5	B-K2
5 N-B3	P-KR3
6 B-R4	Castles
7 P-K3	P-QN3
8 B-K2	B-N2
9 BxN	BxB
10 PxP	PxP
11 Castles	N-Q2
12 P-QN4	P-B4
13 NPxP	PxP
14 R-N1	B-B3
15 B-N5	Q-B2
16 Q-B2	KR-Q1
17 KR-B1	QR-N1
18 P-QR4	Q-Q3
19 PxP	N-R
20 BxB	QxB
21 N-QB5	B-K2
22 NxP	Q-R5
23 N-QN5	QxP
24 QxQ	NxQ
25 N(B5)-Q4	R-Q2
26 N-B6	R-N3
27 N(K5)-Q4	B-B5
28 RxR	NxR
29 R-N1	N-R5
30 P-KN3	N-B4
31 K-N2	P-N3
32 NB5	P-Q5
33 N(B6)-Q4	N-K5
34 R-N8ch	K-N2
35 N-N3	R-Q2
36 R-N5	B-B6
37 N-B1	N-N4
38 N-K3	N-K5
39 R-N3	R-B2
40 R-N5	R-Q2
41 N-B4	Adjourned

Two Russians lose

The two Russians at Hastings lost three games yesterday.

Viktor Kupreichik lost as expected to Jim Plaskett in their adjourned game from round eight, then lost to Joel Benjamin, 20, from New York, in the afternoon.

Evgeny Sveshnikov lost to Stefan Djuric, the Yugoslav. This has opened up the contest. Djuric got a troublesome knight right into Sveshnikov's forces, and picked up a rook for a bishop, whereas Kupreichik went horribly wrong in a time scramble.

In the one adjourned game John Fedorowicz is a pawn up.

Obituary

Michael Donnellan

By ANN CHUBB

MICHAEL DONNELLAN, who died this weekend after a short illness, was best known as Michael of Carlos Place — one of the great English couturiers of the '50s and '60s and a leading member of the Incorporated Society of London Designers.

Many DAILY TELEGRAPH readers will remember Michael especially for his appearances around the country on the DAILY TELEGRAPH fashion panels most especially during 1955, our centenary year.

His famous clients included Vivien Leigh, Evelyn Laye, Deborah Kerr and Claudette Colbert.

He was also one of the few English couturiers whose taste filtered down to High Street level, for he was for many years, fashion consultant to Marks and Spencer.

Born in Dublin in 1915, Michael studied medicine at Trinity College, Dublin, then shocked his family by giving up all chance of becoming a surgeon by following his true ambition into fashion design.

Designed furs

This was postponed for a few years by the 1939-45 War, during which he served in the Royal Artillery. Afterwards he became known as Michael of Lachasse and then in 1953 opened his own couture house in Carlos Place.

As well as his famous clientelle, notably from the English aristocracy, and his work for Marks and Spencer, Michael made clothes for Lord and Taylor and Bergdorf Goodman in New York and for I. Magnin in California and he designed furs for Bradleys.

Tailoring was his great love and something he did with great taste and elegance.

Unlike many of the designers of his era he believed in pared down outlines and smooth elegant shapes with total lack of fussy detail. These were the ideal town and country clothes for the chic English woman and accounted for much of his success.

A perfectionist at all times, he finally closed his Carlos Place salon in 1971 simply because he was unable to obtain enough in-house tailoring to meet his needs and refused to rely on outworkers.

LOVRO VON MATACIC

LOVRO VON MATACIC, the Yugoslav conductor, who has died aged 85, directed several leading European opera houses. He was also well known in the concert hall and was guest conductor of the Philharmonia Orchestra.

He succeeded Sir Georg Solti as musical director of the Frankfurt Opera in 1961 and was for a time conductor of the Vienna State Opera. He also conducted the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra and the Monte Carlo Orchestra.

Von Matacic was born at Susak, Yugoslavia. He was in the Vienna Boys' Choir for four years and studied at the Vienna High School for Music.

Schwarzkopf recording

He had a short period as chorus-master of the Cologne Opera and was on the musical staff of the Salzburg Festival. He then became successively conductor of the Ljubljana Opera and the Zagreb Opera and in 1958 director of the Belgrade Opera.

After the last war he helped to reconstruct operatic and concert life in Yugoslavia and established musical festivals at Dubrovnik and Split. In 1954 he conducted a famous recording of excerpts from Strauss's "Arabella" with Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, resulting in invitations to other opera houses, including Munich and Stuttgart.

He became musical director of Dresden Opera from 1956-58 and principal conductor of the Dresden Philharmonic Orchestra. He was general musical director of the Berlin State Opera with Konwitschny from 1956-58. Besides "Arabella," his recordings included Lehar's "The Merry Widow."

He was something of a legend when he returned to London and the Philharmonia in 1980.

Sir Arthur Grattan-Bellew. At Henham, Herts, aged 81. Chief Secretary, Tanganyika 1956-58. Called to Bar Lincoln's Inn 1925, legal service, Egyptian Government 1936-38, Colonial Legal Service, Malaya 1938-48. Prisoner-of-War 1942-45. Attorney-General, Sarawak 1948-52, Tanganyika 1952-56. QC Tanganyika 1952, CMG 1956, Knighted 1959.

Fiona, Countess of Normanton. At Ringwood, Hants., aged 73. Widow of fifth Earl of Normanton whom she married as second wife 1944 and who died 1967. She married Maj Gen Gerard Fuller, second bt, in 1931 and marriage was dissolved in 1944. She was Fiona, daughter of fourth Marquess Camden.

Col Clarence Brehmer Krabbé. At Reading, aged 98. Served 1914-18 War, Berkshire Yeomanry and Royal Flying Corps, Gallipoli and France. OBE 1918. Served 1939-45 War, Berkshire Home Guard. Deputy Lieutenant, Berkshire 1946, High Sheriff 1952.

WAY OF THE WORLD

Memories Restored

IN my item "Forgotten Memories" (Jan. 4) I mentioned a strange statement by Lord Stockton (formerly Mr Harold Macmillan) in a television interview that he and the Western World in general had not realised, even in 1945, the full wickedness of the Soviet system and the crimes of Stalin in particular.

One example of this curious ignorance or amnesia was the matter of the enforced collectivisation of the Ukraine, in which, I wrote, two million peasants were deliberately starved to death.

I displayed my own ignorance or amnesia. The crime in the Ukraine was on a far greater scale than that. In an article in this newspaper on 5 November 1983, called "The Forgotten Holocaust," Dr Robert Conquest an acknowledged authority on this subject, wrote:

"Even on inflated official Soviet figures of the faked 1939 census there is a deficit of 10 to 11 million Ukrainians in the decade; and the actual deaths in the terror-famine can be estimated with reasonable accuracy as about seven million, of which two to three million were children under the age of seven."

Even this may be an underestimate. A medical researcher, Dr W. Horsley Gantt, while working with the Soviet scientist Pavlov, obtained reports from health officials which suggested that as many as 12 million Ukrainians may have died from starvation or typhus.

The precise number of those who perished at the will of the fabulous monster whom we were told to regard as our gallant wartime ally "Uncle Joe" does not matter to those poor victims now. What does matter is the attitude — call it ignorance or deception as you please — of those who connived at such crimes in 1945.

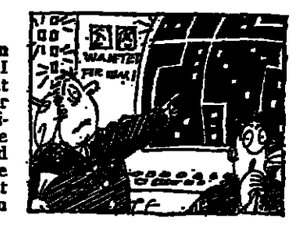
The successors of those who connived then are with us now. For all I know they are just as ready to connive again.

Christina: Fury Flares

"WAY OF THE WORLD" REPORTER

A BLACK and sulphurous cloud of anger hangs like a presage of doubt over Nerdley today. The innumerable warring fan clubs, a unique feature of life in the borough, are stirring again. When will they erupt in a volcano-like outburst whose end no man can foresee?

In his 24-hour round-the-clock Ops Room Fan Club Supremo Supt J. B. Harrogate and his special Fan Club Squad keep ceaseless vigil. "We always expect a crisis dimension situation fairly early in the New Year," he told a tense though hastily summoned Press conference yesterday. "But we have never had one as early as this. I suppose it is part of the continual speed-up of modern life," he said with a laugh which belied his ashen-hued features.



A distant rumbling. "Purple alert!" Harrogate shouted, as telephones shrilled their dread messages and a dozen officers, hand-picked for specialised knowledge of the fan-club scene, manned the huge electronic wall-map which displays the latest information in stark, unmistakeable form.

"Elements 2 Brigade ('Death's Head') Anti-Our Christina massing junction Canal Bridge Road-Pith Street . . . Revisionist Our Thierry Roussel, strength estimated 300, moving Hammercake Street on collision course . . ."

Amid frenzied yet starkly controlled activity Harrogate explained the reason for this new outbreak. A message from Switzerland, received by the fan clubs through who knows what underground or telepathic channel, has revealed that the former Christina Onassis and her husband Thierry Roussel have bought a large estate in that country which is said to have been coveted by President Omar Bongo of Gabon.

Already there are indications, Harrogate said, that a whole nexus of new fan clubs is coming into being, causing bewildering new alignments which may transform the whole cliff-hanging pattern.

An Our President Omar Bongo Fan Club has already "hived off" from the Revisionist Anti-Our Thierry Roussel, and the appearance of an Anti-Our President Omar Bongo cannot be long delayed, opening up vistas of hate and violence, with racist undertones, which, as the Superintendent said, may make the present situation seem like a vicarage bring-and-buy sale.

What the Papers Say

IN a thoughtful leader, the FEUDAL TIMES AND REACTIONARY HERALD discusses the New Year's Honours List:

"Our disappointment, nay, indignation that no new hereditary peerage or baronetcy has been created will be shared by our readers. It seems that our jubilation at the revival of the Hereditary Principle was premature. Yet the hope of its revival and, as a matter of course, its extension as in former times must undoubtedly have been the main if not the only reason why the electorate returned Mrs Thatcher's administration to office in 1985.

"We have no comment to make at present on two of the recipients of so-called Life Peerages in the List, except to note that one of them is Dame Mary Warnock, a learned female personage responsible for the late damnable Report on Certain Scientific Infamies which we may deal with on another occasion.

"Two of these Peerages, however, were conferred on prominent officials of trades unions, as these Combinations of Working Men are, we understand, generally called. Meritorious and industrious as these particular members of the artisan class may well have shown themselves to be, it is one consolation, at any rate, that they have not become Hereditary Peers. This, at least, we have been spared by a novel, exotic and chimerical institution.

"We should be failing in our duty, however, if we did not draw our readers' attention to certain observations made by one of those newly honoured, Mr Leonard Murray, formerly general secretary of the Trades Union Congress—by which we understand some sort of principal note-taker at confabulations of assembled representatives of the artisan and labouring classes.

"'I am a firm believer,' Mr Murray is reported to have said, 'in the second chamber and an equally firm opponent of a hereditary second chamber.' He went on to say that he 'would be happy to help vote a hereditary second chamber out of existence.'

"Second chamber! This mode of describing our ancient House of Lords, a principal Pillar of this Realm, is unmistakably imbued with ignoble, foreign, republican and indeed subversive associations. Such an expression may go down very well in gas-lit workmen's reading rooms or ethical halls where the more literate and articulate members of the lower orders congregate, all too often, alas! to debate matters beyond their understanding.

"But that such an expression should be on the lips of one who will shortly be entitled to sit in the very House be thus mismanes is an outrage beyond words. . . ."

Peter Simple

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THANK YOU St. Jude.—M.C.D.

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Eye-catching cats for feline fanciers

SUCH is the popularity of cats that Sue Boettcher has cornered the cat greetings card market with her range of silhouette black cats in all kinds of situations.

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She also paints feline portraits of cats in bow ties or even tiaras which are sold framed; and brooches, clocks, and, of course, tea towels are decorated with favourite pets.

Cuckoobird's cats are of a different kind. The appealing tabbies in the Kitchen Cats range are easy creatures that curl round pot-holders. Or there are cat-shaped tea cosies and oven gauntlets for those who cannot have too many cats about the house.

In the picture, by PAUL ARMIGER: top left, Mr Tom Cat gauntlet £4·95, bottom left, Sleepy Cat pot-holder £2·55, both by Cuckoobird in grey, white and black calico from The General Trading Company, 144 Sloane Street, London, SW1; Harrods; Gomshall Mill, Gomshall, Surrey; Peter Knight, Esher; Timothy Solloway, Abbey Green, Bath; Friars Gallery, High Street, Canterbury, Kent; sitting black cat clock, £27·95 from Fenwick branches, which also sell the cat cut-outs, 9 cards and envelopes, £5·95; cat contemplating broken vase card, 55p from Scribbler branches, other stockists include Lashmar; Jenners, Edinburgh, Fiesta, Cardiff.

E.W.

Looking at the gadgetry that will give you a happier new year

BY ELIZABETH WILLIAMSON

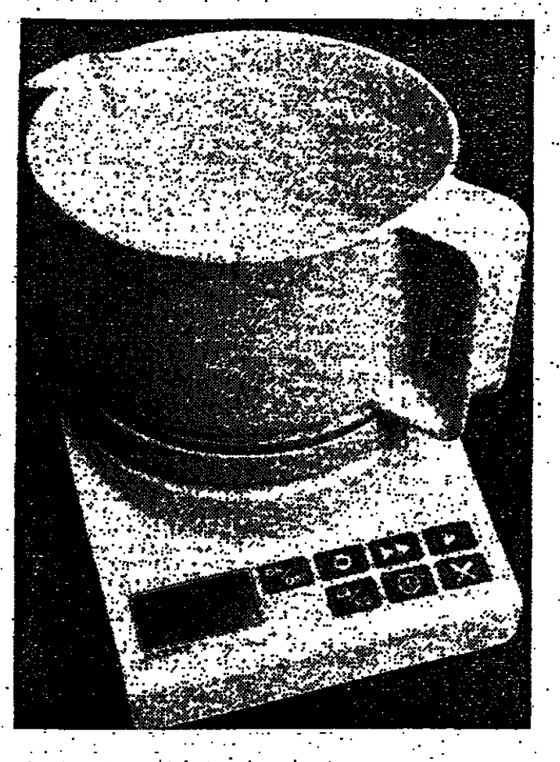
INEVITABLY we all decide to try harder around the house this month. January is traditionally the time for making economies and shedding the extra pounds acquired over the Christmas and the New Year celebrations.

Everyone has their own favourite way of losing weight but those who do it fastest are also the most efficient at weighing and measuring the amount they eat each day. A New Year's present for obsessive weight-watchers to give themselves is the new health and kitchen scales made by one of the oldest names in scale design: W. & T. Avery of Warley in the West Midlands.

Quite apart from the electronic skills integrated into this streamlined version, these ingenious scales will weigh up to 11lb or 5kg in ¼-oz or 5-grm measures.

Kitchen scales never seem to hold enough but these scales have a platform, so that an ordinary mixing bowl can be used to weigh ingredients. You can add and weigh further ingredients by returning the digital display to zero.

Their most impressive characteristic is the capacity to weigh up the nutritional value of over 1,000 foods. A book of food tables is provided with the scales, so that by keying in the correct code, the liquid crystal display will give a corresponding reading for the calories, carbohydrates, fats or fibre content of the food you are weighing.



The diet kitchen scale by Avery costs £43 from most branches of John Lewis. Picture: KENNETH MASON.

The electronic health/kitchen scales can also be wall mounted, have an automatic cut-out if you leave them switched on, and a low power warning signal for the batteries, which will weigh for a year with normal use before needing replacement.

There are a lot of people who are interested in improving the quality of their sleep as well as their diet. Quartz battery alarms have revolutionised waking us up on time but are also noisy enough to annoy light sleepers.

Acctim's Sleeptight alarm has an all but silent movement with none of the intrusive clicking that *concentrates the attention.* Made in five colours including black, it costs £8·95 from Fenwick, Brent Cross, London, N.W.4, and branches of J. Weir and Zales.

Microwave cooking is particularly appreciated by people who are trying to cut down on saturated fats. Over Christmas microwaves were the most popular kitchen present, with many cooks preferring the combination of microwave, forced air and grill and a drop-down door.

Philips alone has eight microwaves in the range, including two compact and inexpensive cookers, the M702 and 704 suitable for small kitchens as they measure roughly 15in square, 13in deep and can be wall hung. Both cost less than £200.

Although the Acutus bag tags were developed for the blind, as they are Braille-coded, they are also useful in the deep freezer because they are made in several bright colours. The choice of red for meat or yellow for fish, for example, would more easily locate foods packed in those identical-looking polythene bags.

The bag tags can also be written on with a freezer marker pen. They cost 60p for a pack of 20, exclusively from larger branches of Boots.

New microwave owners *will be out buying cooking* utensils for the new kitchen toy. The Supreme range by Anchor Ovenware includes a practical choice of round casseroles and rectangular baking dishes, suitable for convection, combination and conventional ovens up to 400F (200C).

MicroWare Supreme Chill-Therm II, as the range is called, is also freezer- and dishwasher-proof. Each item has two covers, one for cooking and serving and a second for refrigerator and freezer storage. Items cost *from £9·99 from branches* of Allders, House of Fraser, John Lewis and Boots Cookshops.

When we wrote about a new vegetarian range of frozen foods last spring, Vegetarian Feasts was a small firm battling against the giants in the supermarket frozen food cabinets.

Some supermarket chains were prepared to give them a chance and now Vegetarian Feasts is launching its second gourmet range which includes *Chilli sin Carne* (for obvious reasons). Spinach and Walnut Lasagne and Vegetable Moussaka.

It is to Messrs Asda, Tesco, International, and Safeway's credit that they stock these wholefood meals.

Sainsbury stocks them in three London branches and plans to increase distribution next month throughout the country.

Natural foods are moving heavily into the mass market. British Home Stores sells a range of items more usually found in health food shops.

The new range includes natural spring water; cereals without salt or sugar, stoneground wholewheat flour and a range of biscuits blessedly free from added colour or preservatives. Honeys, brown sugars, pulses, dried fruits decaffeinated coffee and herbal teas may all ensure that customers live longer.

MIXING MOTHERHOOD AND MUSIC

BY PETA LEVI

WHEN to have a family is a dilemma for any woman. In the past, many women singers have not dared start a family until their career was established: often after the age of 35, not an ideal age for childbearing.

Versatile soprano Ann Mackay is an exception. Ann, described as being "vocally distinguished through the deliciously warm, sweet-toned singing and sensitive phrasing: one of the loveliest singers on her way to international stardom," married at 20 while still at the Guildhall School of Music in London.

In 1980, at 24, she had her first (and so far only) child, Hannah. Three days after Hannah's birth Ann sang at the Wigmore Hall and one month later won two major singing awards, the Concert Artist Guild of America's International Amcon Award and, in England, the National Federation of Music Societies Award for Young Concert Artists.

Ann explained: "I was torn as to whether to start a family, but I adore children and thought it would be easier when I was not so busy."

Perhaps she had the baby just in time. In 1983, with two major competitions in her grasp and the West End Theatres' Award for Outstanding Achievement in Opera for her performance of Stasi in the "Gypsy Princess" at Sadler's Wells, her career took off.

She sang at festivals and music clubs all over Britain, France and Germany, with the Bach Choir and orchestras which included the London Symphony Orchestra and the English Chamber Orchestra.

She also starred in a Radio Four musical by Julian Slade and recorded some early 19th-century English songs.

Ann has many significant engagements to start the New Year. Today she gives a Wigmore Hall lieder recital, accompanied by Geoffrey Parsons. On February 22 she sings Dido in "Dido and Aeneas," an opera which Purcell wrote for a girls' school—appropriately at the opening, by the Queen Mother, of St Paul's Girls School's Celia Johnson Theatre.

The following day, as if to demonstrate her versatility, Ann will sing baroque music with the Orchestra de Camera in Birmingham—Handel's cantata, to celebrate his tercentenary. This year she makes another departure, recording an album with Peter Skellern and his Oasis group.

To date her voice has been more suited for the lighter roles of Mozart and Richard Strauss; she has sung leading roles in operas such as Gluck's "Orfeo" and Cavalli's "Ercole Amante." However, her voice is still *developing* and has not realised its full potential. She wants to sing more serious operatic roles, but for her, variety is the spice of life.

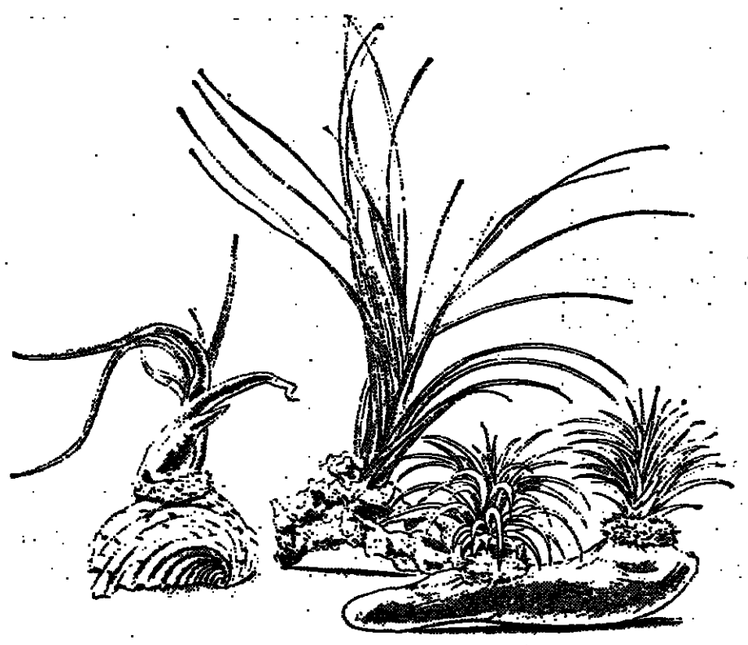
For women soloists, who travel frequently, keeping a *successful marriage poses* special problems. Ann is fortunate. Her husband, Donald, is her manager and enjoys looking after Hannah; they live in a flat in the Barbican, in the City of London. Ann said: "So far, Hannah has travelled everywhere with us, to America, France and Germany. It may get more difficult once she starts school.

"My child positively enhances my career; it is rewarding and therapeutic after a difficult rehearsal or learning period to come home and play with Hannah."

Ann is one of several present-day singers who have exploded another myth—that women opera singers must be "well-covered" to sing well. "The important thing is to be *fit," she said. She is careful* about diet, drinks no alcohol and jogs.

Soprano Ann Mackay with her daughter Hannah. "...it is rewarding and therapeutic after a difficult rehearsal to come home and play with Hannah," she said. Picture: PAUL ARMIGER.

AIRING A NEW LINE IN PLANTS



Air plants, from left: Caput Medusae on a shell £3·60, Juncea on a piece of coral £4·75, and Ionantha Ionantha on a piece of driftwood £5·75. All from Clifton Nurseries, 16 Russell Street, London WC2. Sketch by PAUL KERN.

AIR PLANTS, or to give them their correct name, tillansia, are normally found in South American rain forests. Today you are as likely to encounter these spikey specimens of the plant world on a sunny windowsill.

They are now being imported in large numbers from their steamy home and sold to plant enthusiasts who like *something a little different.*

Although not things of great beauty, they have the ultimate advantage of needing only the odd spray of pure water to keep them going. To this should be added, in summer, a quarter-strength feed of liquid plant food every three weeks or so.

Pure water should of course be rain water or, lacking that, water that has been boiled. They normally live in the branches of trees, hanging up by their useful roots whose function has been taken over by the leaves which soak up the nutriment.

They are said to bloom only once and Clifton Nurseries which sells them to Londoners has several in bud at its Covent Garden shop.

Boots is bringing these strange plants to the notice of a wider group of people with its range of air plants sitting on shells: they require no earth to anchor them. This range costs from £2·94 to £4·95, depending on the size of the plant and shell.

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YOU WRITE

THE RIGOURS of village life as viewed by Mary Jefferson have caused many of our readers to write in with totally opposing views. Yet she has one supporter in Mrs J. W. Pearson, who lives near Wooler, Northumberland, but is moving to Suffolk after her experience of village life in the north.

"I have mixed feelings, however," she writes. "If the going gets too rough and knowing too well that the soft, civilised approach is no good, we'll respond with their own tactics. We breed pedigree cats and dogs who have suffered a dog's life while here; for their safety we have to move. The Danes colonised this part of England once. The best thing to happen to it would have been when they left Northumberland to have taken it with them. I will keep your article by me and when I get moved into Suffolk I will refer to it and it will remind me to keep fighting local prejudices."

Other readers reckoned that give and take on all sides is essential for getting on with the locals. "Mary Jefferson may have been unlucky in her village," writes Mrs A. V. MacLellan of Halstock, Dorset. "I suspect that she must have made the initial error of appearing to patronise her new neighbours. It is a common mistake to assume that we are all bucolic nonentities. Wellies-bound we may be, but few of us are stupid about the things that really matter and we are very seldom unkind either to each other or *to newcomers* unless repeatedly and unjustifiably provoked."

Anthea Budd of Grattham, near Petworth in Sussex, is clerk to the local parish council although she has only lived in the village for eight years. "My experience is so very different," she writes. "The people here were friendly and supportive from the moment we moved in and have remained so which is, I feel, very much to their credit. With three children, two dogs and a Siamese cat we are not the easiest or quietest of families."

Mr George T. Grenville of Wilby, Eye, Suffolk, has lived with his wife in a rural area for 30 years. "We have never met this inward-looking community of country folk who have caused Mary Jefferson so much distress of mind. Can we tell Mary that you get out of life what you put into it.

"She could have helped with over-sixty groups or started a children's play group, as happened here. Lots of folk live alone in villages and they do appreciate a visit. It involves no cash."

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WHOSE BABY?

LET US, FOR A SECOND, play "Devil's advocate." If a barren couple so strongly yearn for a child that they are willing to pay a large sum of money to have one created for them is that not a sign that they will probably make good and caring parents? If another woman is willing to bear the inconvenience, the hazards and the pain of pregnancy and childbirth in order to gratify this wish, is not that a noble act, and one which cannot be morally faulted simply by the fact that she is being paid for her trouble? This newspaper has never taken the view that every transaction which involves money changing hands is intrinsically suspect.

Why, then, do we share the anxiety, amounting to something like panic, which has been aroused by the news of a surrogate birth at Barnet? In our case, this certainly does not arise only from the presence of a financial factor, though that also influences us. Like the majority report of the Warnock Committee, we think that surrogate motherhood is in itself a bad idea and a practice which should be firmly discouraged even when the arrangements for it have been made by non-profit-making agencies. The bonds forged, during pregnancy and birth, between a mother and her child are part of the natural order of things and are meant to last; by deliberately breaking them at birth, a woman violates her nature and may even do permanent damage to her offspring. Moreover, in the analogous case of adoption, it has always been thought important to do everything possible to make sure that those who are to be responsible for the upbringing of the adopted child are fit for the task: it could be argued (though the law strongly takes the opposite view) that willingness to pay for the privilege is relevant evidence, but it is certainly not decisive evidence.

Parliament will have massive public support in legislating quickly to stop what otherwise may become a "fashionable lark." The task will be delicate but, as the Warnock Committee showed, it will not be one of insuperable difficulty.

A MODEST MISSION

SIR GEOFFREY HOWE's eight-day African tour now in progress illustrates the wholly ineffectual nature of British foreign policy as presently applied to that continent. It is very fitting that Sir GEOFFREY and his little band of 11 advisers should be constrained to fly from Zimbabwe to Zambia and on to Kenya on scheduled aircraft. This is no grandiose neo-imperial jaunt such as President MITTERRAND might be wont to stage but a sad little exercise, the chief purpose of which seems to be as nice as possible to the natives.

Of this approach it can at least be said that it implies no tendency to overestimate our influence in Africa. In Zimbabwe Sir GEOFFREY seems to have accepted the inevitability of one-party rule, notwithstanding the supposedly cast-iron assurances given by the British Government at the time of the Lancaster House agreement. At a reception last night Dr WITNESS MANGWENDE, the Zimbabwean Foreign Minister, did not bother to conceal his Government's intentions in this respect from Sir GEOFFREY. But the prospect of one-party rule has not prevented the British delegation from speaking about our extremely friendly relations with Zimbabwe. The truth is that the generally rather unpleasant things which have happened in Zimbabwe since independence were perfectly foreseeable at the time of Lancaster House. If the British Government did not foresee them it was foolish; if it did, it exhibited preposterous humbug in presenting the agreement as a diplomatic triumph.

Sir GEOFFREY was of course not personally responsible for the hypocrisies of Lancaster House but as he was at that time a member of the Cabinet he cannot be entirely dissociated from them. At all events experience has not been a useful guide to him. Notwithstanding British inability to lay solid constitutional foundations in Zimbabwe, not to mention nearly all of our former African colonies, Sir GEOFFREY is gaily weighing in with proposals for the independence of Namibia like an irrepressible doctor whose patients always die. He does not accept that Namibia's independence should be linked to the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola, as the Americans and South Africans have urged, and he remains committed to a UN supervised solution. It is perhaps a fortunate thing for the people of Africa, especially Namibia, that what the British Government proposes for that country is likely to be ignored by absolutely everyone.

STORM IN A BUTTERDISH

THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN a ready market on this side of the Channel for scare stories about consumers being ripped off by the European Community, and it has to be said that the Brussels mechanisms do perform in weird and wonderful ways with sufficient frequency to lend credence to such stories. Labour's vocal anti-marketeers are always quick to cash in on this market. But they ought occasionally to get their facts right. Last autumn they were sold a short-lived pup about a wicked French plot to make us change the name of Waterloo station. Their latest war-cry about a conspiracy between the Ministry of Agriculture and the packers and manufacturers of butter to convert an EEC subsidy for consumers into handsome profits for the middle men is almost equally ill-founded.

Buying butter from producers to be stock-piled at almost £2,000 a ton and then selling it for half that price is assuredly no way to trim the budget of the EEC (although it is less obviously offensive than pressing it upon the Kremlin for a fraction of the second figure). But the allegation that the Ministry of Agriculture is greasing the palms of British packagers and manufacturers by setting a maximum price of 42p a pack at which the subsidised butter may be sold in the shops is based upon a simple misconception. For while the price the middle men pay for the subsidised supplies is laid down, the price which they receive from wholesalers and retailers is determined by market forces. Some stores have already been selling the cut-price butter, not for the 52p a pack which is supposed to make the middle men's fortune, but for 33p: and others are expecting to follow suit. As the British National Oil Corporation knows to its cost, when a commodity is in surplus a maximum price bears little relation to the price the goods will fetch. So it is with butter.

TWO NATIONS: THE VIEW FROM THE NORTH—I

Wealth and political ignorance are Britain's real divisions

IT IS soon obvious that there is more than one north of England. Was unemployment a problem, I asked a café proprietor in Alderley Edge, a dozen miles south of Manchester? "Not at all", he replied flatly, "not in this area". As for the north and south being two nations, he wasn't aware of any division. In fact, when he went to London and rode on the Tube, the people looked a good deal worse off than those he saw around him at home.

That night, I stayed nearby with friends, the local Jaguar dealer and his wife. He found it very easy to sell Jaguars, he said, there was no shortage of cash in the area. His Volvo competitor up the road was doing equally well. Their daily arrives in her own car, though not a Jaguar. They could, they said, see very little difference between Alderley and somewhere like Haslemere in Surrey.

Among their friends, there is so little consciousness of the two nations that when I asked one, an artist, what she felt about the north-south divide, she assumed I meant north and south of Manchester; and launched into a diatribe about the barren social life north of the city. As for the south exploiting the north, so far as she was concerned, it was the other way round. She always doubled the price for her London customers.

In Liverpool, the story and the attitudes are utterly different. The gap between the two nations seems like a yawning chasm, with the northern side in impotent outer darkness. "Why bother calling it England?," demanded a taxi-driver bitterly, "why not just call it London?" The south-east would be quite happy to saw off the rest of England and let it float away into the Atlantic.

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EVEN those Liverpudlians who do not lambast the Great Wen often harbour a sense of hopelessness. "You'd have to be off your rocker to bring a business here," said a woman taxi-driver. "It's finished, and the wounds are self-inflicted." It had been started by the dockers, who thought themselves infallible, and other trade unions had carried on in the same crazy way.

The north has plenty of Alderleys—Harrogate, Ilkley, great stretches of the North and East Ridings, the plush suburbs of Leeds and Sheffield: an archipelago of prosperity where, as a local banker told me, "over the past five years, there have been more and more second and third cars, more and more four-week holidays in America."

Cheek by jowl with this often amply-upholstered world there exists a second and larger archipelago, always drab, often resigned, sometimes in despair: dereliction and gloom where steel mills once stood, docks where 2,000 do the work which 20,000 once did, supermarkets built on the graves of once-thriving railway workshops.

Nobody I talked to in the north thinks that this Second Nation is essentially geographical, and certainly not exclusively northern. The division, said Roland Long, an ardently anti-monetarist manager with International Harvester in Doncaster, was not between north and south, but between the have and have-nots, who also had enclaves in the Midlands and south Wales. Ilkley was no different from Sussex, while Doncaster had more in common with Bridgend than Harrogate. Mancunians, he might have added, are as reluctant to invest in Liverpool as any southerner.

> **'It was appalling that Patrick Jenkin should go to Liverpool and say he had no idea of the conditions in which people were living there. How many more like him are there?'**

The divide, in other words, is one of wealth and not geography. Nor are there many signs of bleeding hearts among the northern bourgeoisie, despite the fact that so many of the Second Nation live on their doorsteps. Roland Long, indeed, is inclined to believe that Haslemere cares more about them than Harrogate. Nor, he adds sadly, are many northern industrial workers less indifferent.

"If you take the average plant up here," he said, "and say 'it's either 300 redundant or 18 months' short-time,' those who know they'll not be among the 300 say 'make the blighters redundant, we don't want any short-time!'" Looking after Number One was the sort of society we had built, and northerners were no more exempt from the plague than anyone else.

Nonetheless, the fact that gilt and gloom cohabit so closely leaves its mark. Those with social consciences feel distinctly uncomfortable; while, on the Wirral, according to a prominent Liverpudlian, the wealthy fortify their homes like Fort Knox against the depredations of Scouse burglars and cling all the more desperately to the old, grand way of life which has now all but vanished.

For example, said Patrick Minford, applied economics professor at Liverpool University, they went out to supper in dinner jackets far more often than you had ever seen in the south.

Driving round the north, I got very little sense of *general* resentment against the south. Yes, they were having it easier down there and, of course, feathering their own nests, but (apart from the blame-obsessed Left-wingers who run cities like Sheffield), nobody held some southern conspiracy responsible for their predicament.

It has much more to do, most northerners believe, with the unfathomable tides of economics, which have turned them into an exemplar, in industrial terms, of the Biblical principle that those who are first shall be last.

They like to hear people say that the south has grown fat on northern sweat, but few of them really believe it. Being realists, they are well aware that many of those who grew fattest were northerners who then departed for the south.

And they hand out plenty of stick to their own northern businessmen who failed to see the writing on the wall, to observe the onward surge of the Japanese, who killed textile firms by selling textile machinery to the Indians and Chinese, who (they declare) operated businesses like the Liverpool docks for their own short-term self-interest.

Where there is a particular sense of grievance, it is not levelled against southerners *per se*, but against political dogmas like monetarism which, as Roland Long put it, "would be just as bad if it were carried out by Northerners from York."

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BUT perhaps the main thing which northerners hold against London-based politicians is their sheer ignorance of the world beyond Birmingham. "It was appalling," Long went on, "that Patrick Jenkin should go to Liverpool and say he had had no idea of the conditions in which people were living there. He *should* have had some idea! How many more like him are there?"

The north thought of itself as very much part of England, agreed a senior cleric of Conservative inclination, but it wasn't always treated like one. There were far too many people, like Nigel Lawson, who knew nothing about the place. If you were going to govern a country, you should at least have the feel of it in your bones.

GRAHAM TURNER

Tomorrow: the divided voices.

LONDON DAY BY DAY

Labour party plans a Grand return

AS BUILDERS moved into the wreckage of the Grand Hotel in Brighton yesterday to start an 18 months' rebuilding programme, following 10 weeks' work making the structure safe after the IRA bombing, it seems likely that Labour leaders will be the first politicians to return there for a conference.

The party has already approached the owners, brewers Greenall Whitley, who bought the hotel only two months before the atrocity, and have made a provisional booking for 1987.

Even before last October's hideous bombing, Brighton was due to lose its place on the conference circuit for several years, so the socialist politicians' gesture of confidence will be appreciated at the resort.

Brighton back to front

BOURNEMOUTH with its new conference centre persuaded Labour to go there this year instead of Brighton even before the bombing, while the Tories had also decided to head west to the rival resort next year for the first time since 1955.

In fact, Bournemouth's aggressive marketing of its own virtues as a centre — which even extended to taking a promotional stand during the Labour Conference at Blackpool last year — rattled the other two resorts. It even forced Brighton's recreation committee chairman to hold a Press conference extolling the town's advantages on the day before the bombing.

The Loughborough ECHO *reported "Mr Bryan Organ, formerly of Quorn, who was a student and lecturer at Loughborough College of Art, was chosen as one of the six grandparents for Prince Harry." As the reader who sent me the clipping points out it must be something pretty special to be "chosen" as a grandparent—especially for a royal baby.*

Getting the bird

MY NOTE about the upside-down turkey which led to a famished Christmas for a friend has sparked a lively correspondence from those who similarly suffered from an outbreak, so to speak, of fowl play.

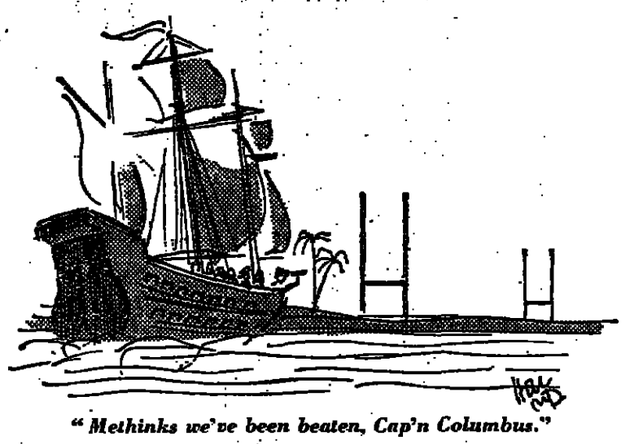
But a Bath reader, who discovered the mistake in the course of the meal, righted the turkey and tells me the flavour was immeasurably improved. In future, she says, she will cook all large birds in this unorthodox fashion.

In retrospect

JEANE KIRKPATRICK, President Reagan's ambassador to the United Nations, lost many of her political admirers in this country by the disclosure that she was dining with the Argentine ambassador in Washington as the junta's Falklands invasion plan got underway and her subsequent anti-British tone at the U.N.

But now she insists it was all a mistake. In an interview in NEWSWEEK yesterday she says it was her "most helpless" moment in four years in the post.

She said: "People kept saying that I had sympathy for Argentina, I had no sympathy whatsoever for Argentine policy in that conflict; my sympathy was all with Britain. I just thought we should remain neutral."



"Methinks we've been beaten, Cap'n Columbus."

Welshing on history

THE CLAIM that a Welshman beat Columbus to North America will be treated with scepticism by Englishmen as well as Spaniards and Genovese. Those unable to find a flaw in Prof. Arthur Davies's research will doubtless point to the delight Welshmen show in achievements attributed to them.

Lloyd George was one of the worst offenders — at a dinner party he once claimed Oliver Cromwell for the Welsh nation. Turning in disgust to his neighbour H. G. Wells retorted: "It'll be a Williams the Conqueror next."

No place like Rome

AN ITALIAN Roman Catholic priest officiated at his own daughter's wedding at Christmas — but there was no objection from the Vatican.

Fr. Giuseppe de Vico proudly escorted his 23-year-old daughter, Cecilia, up the aisle to her waiting bridegroom at St Paul's Church, Geata, a seaside town 100 miles south of Rome. He then went to the vestry, quickly changed into his vestments and proceeded to conduct the marriage service.

Fr. de Vico, a widower, was ordained to the priesthood only last year. At his daughter's wedding he administered Holy Communion to his eight other grown-up children, who were all present with his 15 grandchildren.

Newspeak

ACCORDING to a Los Angeles columnist good English, already in serious decline in America, is now under threat in its "stronghold," in Britain.

Commentator Edwin Newman believes that our television and newspapers are the chief culprits. The mysterious use of the apostrophe, our inability to put plural verbs with plural nouns and a British weakness for tautology fill him with alarm.

Recent examples cited by Newman include: "One of the 24 in hospital were serious." "the lucky one's were the first to die" and "miner's president." He predicts ominously: "As Peoria goes, so goes London."

Wholly commended

TENANTS are still being sought by the Property Services Agency, for two large holes in the ground in Clapham.

They are two of seven air raid shelters deep under London, which the Home Office decided to let last year. Built during the last war, each is about 100 feet underground and has thousands of square feet of floor space.

Most have been snapped up by an archives storage company but the last two, built close to the Northern Line tube stations at Clapham Common and Clapham North, remain vacant. The terms of letting would allow officials regular rights of inspection, but an earlier Home Office insistence that the shelters might be commandeered back at a month's notice will not now be imposed.

Hounded gentry

I LEARN that the Master of Fox Hounds for the North Staffordshire Hunt is one Arthur Fox.

PETERBOROUGH

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AGONISING TASK FOR SCHOOLS

SIR—Few people, teachers included, would disagree with Sir Keith Joseph in his keenness to have good schools staffed by good teachers.

Unfortunately, no standards of "goodness" have been established and it is all too easy to be critical of both schools and teachers when "goodness," like beauty, remains in the eye of the beholder.

It is demoralising to be threatened with assessment of one's performance when the criteria upon which judgment will be made are far from clear. Indeed the whole matter of the aims of education is, in my opinion, one of the most pressing and contentious issues facing the public sector education service today.

In comparison, the private sector of education need not concern itself too overtly with the question of aims. Private schools are able to set out their ideas, however eccentric some of them might be, in their prospectuses.

Parents are then able to shop around for the type of school which best suits their view of educational "goodness."

A "good" private school is one which delivers the type of educational goods which the parents, in exercising their choice, have purchased.

The State, however, has a duty to provide, through its education system, schools which meet the needs of the majority of children and to try to cater for all of them! The State schools must, therefore, not only formulate their philosophy more carefully than the private sector but also undertake the agonising task of devising aims which satisfy both prudent parents and the community at large. It will be a remarkable school which, in these circumstances, escapes criticism.

The crisis over aims has not been helped by frequent changes of direction at the Department of Education and Science and I am afraid that, in the absence of a clear and widely accepted statement of aims, the proposals for teacher assessment will prove to be a further blow to the morale of the teaching profession and thereby serve to diminish the chances of the "improvement" which Sir Keith seeks.

W. D. McKAIGUE
Bebington, Merseyside.

Africa's problems

SIR—Although my letter to which Mr F. Knox refers (Jan. 3) was not written to discuss the famine in Eastern Africa but rather as a plea that South Africa's ecological problems be recognised I will take up a few points.

Tree-planting on a massive scale is surely a more practical solution to energy problems than bringing people even further into the money economy with the issue of oil stoves, or the use of nuclear power which could never reach the rural poor anyway.

In this respect I was delighted to hear how great a part some of Kenya's children were playing in the planting and maintenance of trees. Deforestation and the accompanying wreckage of rural eco-systems must be a major cause of the droughts and spreading deserts.

But there is a practical part for us to play at home. The European Economic Community is a considerable importer of tropical hardwoods, while we ourselves are the world's second largest importer of plywood.

This cause of ecological breakdown could be reduced if we were to increase our own manufacture of strawboard—and such action would help to reduce our waste of and pollution from the burning of a valuable resource at harvest time.

It is not really cheaper to import once the wider implications are considered.

Secondly, real aid will help a country to stand on its own feet economically but the industrialised nations want profitable markets for their manufacturers. Hence much aid benefits the donor nations more than the recipients: for example, the sending of tractors when work oxen are required.

The implications of genuine aid-giving by the materially rich nations need urgent consideration at the highest level. One way to help the world's starving would be to stop all the waste in our own country!

Finally, and somewhat controversially, I would suggest that, if we are as a planet to reach the year 2000 without widespread ecological breakdown, all the time, money, energy, resources and manpower of the world arms trade should be transferred as a matter of urgency towards survival.

The speed of breakdown is such that a lesser request would be futile.

P. A. B. PEACEY
Brettenham, Suffolk.

Unquiet drinks

SIR—Nobody can now be in any doubt that the Campaign for Real Ale has restored Britain's great beverage to its rightful place in the firmament. Could we not now have Campaign for a Quiet Drink?

Somebody with a vested interest in noise seems to have persuaded licensees that they will increase their barrellage if tapes of popular music, often loudly vocal, are endlessly played throughout opening hours.

Whether customers are regaled by Vivaldi, Sid Vicious or Vera Lynn, by Mahler or Mantovani, the certainty is that tastes will not be catered for as comprehensively as with the product people go to inns to imbibe.

Indeed it seems more likely that customers are often distracted and deterred from further consumption by background music.

Of many hostleries in the area where I live, the two most frequented by more customers more of the time have no music.

B. G. CRAIG
Seaton, Devon.

Looking-glass logic

SIR—May I suggest in response to recent correspondence on the meaning of the term "working class" that the most accurate definition is that provided by Lewis Carroll, through the lips of Humpty Dumpty while arguing with Alice: "When I use a word," Humpty Dumpty said in a rather scornful tone, "it means just what I choose it to mean—neither more nor less."

DONALD CHESTERS
Bournemouth

Motorway fallacies

SIR—Your columns have recently been displaying a staggering ignorance of the principles of motorway driving; referring, for example, to "lorry" and "fast" lanes.

These dangerous fallacies are not, I believe based on stupidity; their proponents, having never been examined on the principles of safe motorway driving, and not being sufficiently keen motorists to sit, say, the Institute of Advanced Motorists' test, are simply living in blissful, if obstructive and dangerous ignorance.

The cure I advocate is that our present driving test, if passed, should only permit one to drive at 55 mph, not towing a caravan or trailer, and not on motorways.

A full licence, removing these three exclusions, should only be obtainable on sitting a separate test.

Clearly this could not be imposed retrospectively, though perhaps the insurance companies would smile on those existing drivers who opt to take such a test, just as many do currently on holders of more advanced driving certificates?

H. CHRISTOPHER S. WEBB
Reading, Berks.

Anglers' concern

SIR—Further to the letter from Michael Sutcliffe (Dec. 28) under the title "Slaughter of the Innocents," I think it is important for the swan and lead issue to be put into perspective along with the angler's role as conservationist in today's society.

While I would be the first to admit that anglers are not blameless, it is my experience, gained from working with conservation groups on the River Thames at Richmond and Runnymede, that much of the plastic rubbish mentioned in Mr Sutcliffe's letter is caused by the general public—today's Throw-away Society.

We, as a Federation representing coarse angling are very aware of the *estimated* 3,500 swans that are dying from lead poisoning each year and have been active in educating anglers as to the dangers of discarded tackle.

We have also been active in evaluating the lead substitutes as they become available. So far these substitutes have fallen far short as replacements for the traditional lead shots.

Angling needs a good, acceptable substitute for lead which when found will be wholeheartedly endorsed by this Federation.

DAVID BIRD
Nat. Fedn. of Anglers, London and South East Regional Council, London, W.5.

Clients of the law

SIR—Mr James Chalmers Park (Dec. 29) misses the main point I made about "corridor deals" when clients are required to make hurried decisions to avoid going into court. To expect the layman to make snap judgments in such intimidating circumstances when much may be at stake only serves to illustrate how little lawyers think of those they purport to represent.

It is always a rare pleasure to get free legal advice, but for Mr Park to dismiss the criticism with a "weary smile" does nothing to diminish the feeling that all's well with the law as long as the client pays.

H. J. MORGAN
London, S.W.7.

Dictation speed

SIR—I was interested to read Mrs R. Dorothy Cole's letter (Dec. 28). Not only, it seems, are employers allowed to dictate our hours of work; our activities at work and the payment we receive; but they are to be allowed to control what we do with our own bodies as well.

Sloppiness at work has little to do with casual dress. It occurs because, in the campaign for better productivity, variety at work is being sacrificed for efficiency. There is likely to be little interest in work that involves repeating the same simple task constantly, for the rest of your working life.

TIMOTHY M. EVANS
Stockport, Cheshire.

The cruel realities of Communism

SIR—Peter Simple (Jan. 4) understandably felt dissatisfied with Lord Stockton's stock suggestion that Western leaders were unaware of the nature of the Soviet system—until almost too late in some respects. Churchill, despite the wartime alliance, was a notable exception.

History nevertheless clearly reveals an extraordinary and indeed alarming degree of "indifference" among the influential towards not only the long-term objectives of global revolution, currently accentuated by the Kremlin conviction that the power-balance has turned objectively in their favour, but also the long-available evidence of communist horrors, including the Cheka massacres of 1918-20 and the Stalin purges of 1936-38.

The reasons for this phenomenon would make an interesting doctoral dissertation, though one wonders if any of our university departments would care to handle it, or whether established academic publishers like Macmillan would rush to add it to their lists alongside the pseudo-scholarly Marxist titles they presumably consider profitable.

Relevant factors would include the Communist censorship-system which conceals the cruel realities, the opinion-subversion that manipulates the language of liberalism, the avarice of certain vested interests, and the infiltration of Marxist missionaries into policy-forming institutions and the media.

Peter Simple's illustration of the Soviet famine of 1932-34 provides an instructive starting-point.

Were our western "intelligensia," the journalists and the party-politicians too gullible or too venal to worry about the credibility of reports that demanded authentic compassion for the peasant victims of what the Webbs called "a new civilisation"?

Can similar processes be observed in more recent response to events in Cuba, Indo-China, Afghanistan or Tibet? Waterloo may have been won on the playing-fields of Eton, but the killing-fields of Asia were covered up by the obsessions of Watergate.

There is little consolation in the Solzhenitsyn-style reflection that if as a result of their own failure to protect principles against propaganda, and leaders fall victim to an ultimate Communist take-over, they and their people from persecution, Western media-mercenaries will be the first victims of the new *Gulag*.

D. L. W. ASHTON
London, E4.

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Hand baby to her new parents, says Lady Warnock

By CHARLES LAURENCE

BARONESS WARNOCK, head of the inquiry which recommended outlawing surrogate motherhood, appealed yesterday for Baby Cotton, the newborn product of Britain's first known commercial surrogacy deal, to be allowed to go home to her prospective parents.

She said that as no one involved in the £14,000 deal had committed any offence under existing law, the four-day-old girl should be handed to her "commissioning parents" as soon as possible.

Lady Warnock, who received a peerage in the New Year Honours, welcomed the Government's moves to introduce legislation to make "rent-a-womb" schemes illegal and called for the proposed laws to carry penalties that would offer a "real deterrent."

She said that the laws should make organising surrogate motherhood agencies, commercial or not, a criminal offence.

It should also be an offence for a gynaecologist to arrange a surrogate pregnancy, either by offering a surrogate mother or by carrying out artificial insemination, and for a newspaper or other form of media to carry advertisements seeking potential surrogate mothers.

'Good motives'

Lady Warnock said that Barnet council's social services had "very good motives" for obtaining the "place of safety" order that means Baby Cotton must stay in the Victoria Maternity Hospital, Brent, for at least eight days.

Since the council had not been given details of the family for which the baby was destined, they had no option but to seek the order.

"I feel sorry for the poor commissioning parents who are being kept waiting before they can receive the baby. The law has not yet been changed, nobody has committed an offence, so I think that for the baby's sake the arrangement should be allowed to go through.

"The council services are bound to investigate, but I very much hope that Baby Cotton is not taken into their care," she said.

Lady Warnock said that it would have been much better for the baby if there had been no council interference, which has led to the baby being held without a mother in the hospital and to further public controversy.

Baby Cotton should be kept in care only if "something really drastic was discovered to discredit the commissioning parents."

Editorial Comment —Facing Page

Lady Warnock headed the Warnock Commission into human fertilisation that last summer made recommendations for legislation on surrogate motherhood, scientific experimentation on embryos and test tube fertilisation.

She said she had hoped the Government would produce a comprehensive package of legislation to deal with all the issues, but supported proposals by Mr Fowler, the Health Secretary, to deal with surrogate motherhood separately as a matter of urgency.

Lady Warnock was speaking at a Press conference organised by WOMAN magazine to announce the results of a survey which showed that six women out of ten want surrogacy banned altogether.

The survey, of 5,000 readers, found that 46 per cent of women would consider using the test tube baby technique if they were unable to conceive normally, but an equal 46 per cent would rule it out completely.

Consensus on ethics

Two readers out of five thought test-tube pregnancies were "unnatural" while one in four thought they were "immoral."

The greatest consensus was on the question of scientists' ethics. Eight out of ten thought the public would never know what went on in research and more than half felt scientists would pursue their research on embryos irrespective of legal controls.

Lady Warnock said that scientists had themselves to blame for this as they were "secretive and often unduly dramatic in their statements."

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Baroness Warnock, who yesterday welcomed moves to make surrogate motherhood illegal—but called for Baby Cotton to be handed over to the "commissioning parents."

Adoption by couple is ruled out

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

THE anonymous American father and his wife who paid £14,000 for the baby at the centre of the surrogate motherhood row have been identified by Barnet social services staff, it was disclosed yesterday.

But it appears that under under English law they will not be able to adopt the baby, nor will they be able to take her abroad if magistrates grant a care order on Friday.

Meanwhile the baby, a blue-eyed girl who has still not been named, is being looked after by nurses at Victoria Maternity Hospital, Barnet.

"The nursing staff are giving the baby the sort of attention she would get if her mother were with her in the hospital," said Mr David Davies, the administrator.

"They are lifting her out of her cot to give her regular cuddles. It is widely understood that this is very important to the normal development of a baby."

Mr Alan Gorst, director of social services in Barnet, said his staff were having "fairly delicate negotiations" with the organisation behind the baby's birth, the Surrogate Parenting Centre, based in Surrey.

They needed to be satisfied that the new parents were suitable, and the Parenting Centre was a new and unknown body unlike normal adoption agencies with which the department had frequent dealings.

Chance of success

He said they were making progress in identifying the couple who wanted the baby but he declined to say whether there had been direct contact or whether the couple were now in this country.

"The problem is that we have a lot of unknowns. We are doing everything possible to resolve these doubts. We are having negotiations that look as though they can reach some sort of successful conclusion."

The baby, born on Friday to Mrs Kim Cotton, 28, is being kept at the hospital under a place of safety order and juvenile court magistrates will hear an application on Friday by Barnet Council for a more permanent care order.

Prof. Michael Freeman, a reader in law at University College, London University, said that the place of safety order had been wrongly made and he did not see how a care order could be justified.

For either type of order to be made under the Children and Young Persons Act 1969, it had to be shown that the child was in moral danger, that its proper development was being avoidably prevented or that it was being ill-treated or neglected.

It was hardly possible that any of these conditions could have been satisfied so soon after the baby's birth. But if a care order was granted by the magistrates on Friday, it would commit the baby to the care of Barnet social services department and effectively prevent her being taken abroad.

Prof. Freeman said it would be equally impossible for the baby's father to adopt her because the Adoption Act specified that money must not change hands during the adoption process. Yet this had clearly happened in the present case.

The baby's father had no parental rights over it because the baby was illegitimate and the only person who could legitimately claim a right to the baby was Mrs Cotton.

Mrs Cotton left the hospital less than 15 hours after giving birth to the baby and it is not known whether she will be willing to appear at the magistrates' hearing or ask for custody of the child.

Early Bill

Mr Fowler, Health and Social Services Secretary, is planning to rush through Parliament a Bill outlawing commercial surrogate motherhood. MPs of all parties pressed for early legislation.

Mr Leo Abse, Labour MP for Torfean, said: "If you confine yourself to this issue of commercial surrogacy, the Bill could be on the Statute Book before the end of this session.

"I think it is quite scandalous that an American can come over and hire a woman in this way and treat a child as a commodity and go around shopping as if they were at Harrods sale — I do not think it is tolerable."

However, Mr Robert Winston, a leading test tube baby doctor, warned the Government not to be panicked into hasty legislation over surrogacy.

He said: "I think a lot of gynaecologists who are involved with invitro fertilisation feel, for example, surrogacy might be permitted where the egg as well as the sperm were going to be donated to a third party to carry the child."

Mrs Cotton is receiving £6,500 for having the baby and the balance of the £14,000 paid by the American couple is kept by the Surrogate Parenting Association for its fee and for costs in making arrangements for the fertilisation and subsequent birth.

Setback for woman's hope of quitting Libya

By JAMES ALLAN in Tripoli

THE English woman who spent 14 months in a Tripoli jail because her Libyan husband's family disowned her, has suffered a setback to her hopes of flying to Britain this week.

The Libyans insist that she proceeds with her divorce action, due on Jan. 23, before she can seek an exit visa.

Mrs Susan Swesi, however, is out of prison and staying with an Irish woman, Mrs Una Payton, a secretary in the British interests section of the Italian Embassy, and is free to move about the Libyan capital.

"You can't imagine how I feel now," she said yesterday. "It's a new world and I can now make a new start in life."

Mrs Swesi, 34, whose maiden name was Bugler, met her Libyan husband Mahmoud at a disco in England while he was an electrical engineering student. "He was more English than I was," she recalled.

They married and moved to his family's fruit farm west of Tripoli nearly seven years ago. Their first two years were happy but her husband changed after being injured fighting with the Liban Army in Chad and where he also suffered a heart attack.

"He became very strict and jealous and wanted everything just perfect. Before that he had been a very nice gentleman."

While he was in Switzerland receiving medical treatment, a member of his family began pestering her and making advances. She confided in her father-in-law and together they saw the police.

Family's concern

"And from that day on I was imprisoned. I had gone willingly to the police, never ever thinking they would put me in prison. I thought they would stop the person bothering me."

Mrs Swesi subsequently appeared in court accused of adultery, which she strenuously denied. But she received a suspended sentence and was committed to a house of care inside Tripoli jail because her husband's family refused to have her back.

She was visited for the first three months by her mother-in-law, who brought Mrs Swesi's two sons, now aged five and four, but there were no further visitors till Mrs Payton arrived a few weeks before Christmas.

The British interests section had traced Mrs Swesi to the jail after her family in England expressed concern to the Foreign Office at not hearing from her for more than a year.

But when she does go home she will have to leave behind the two boys because they have Libyan nationality.

DAUGHTER KEPT BODY FOR A YEAR

By JOHN SHAW

A DEVOTED daughter who could not accept her mother's death kept the body at home for over a year, an inquest heard at Lowestoft yesterday.

Miss HAZEL WHITING, 48, lived alone with her mother Ivy, 90, at their home in Bridge Street, Framlingham, Suffolk, for over 30 years.

"She preserved the body by sprinkling it daily with talcum powder and would sit in the bedroom talking to the dead woman," said Det. Chief Insp. JOHN JARROLD.

"She continued to feed her mother liquids and gave her brandy on her wedding anniversary. She would wipe her face and smooth her hair with a comb. She kept up the pretence and told neighbours her mother was well. No one was allowed in the house apart from meter readers."

Cards and presents

It was clean and tidy and there were Christmas cards and presents addressed to both women when police entered the property on Dec. 20. Miss Whiting told him her mother died on Dec. 15, 1983.

Mr Jarrold said Miss Whiting used a tin of talcum powder and six cans of air freshener a fortnight inside the house.

Dr DAVID HARRISON, Home Office pathologist, said the body had begun to mummify. It was not possible to determine the exact cause of death because of the state of some organs but death was due to natural causes.

Recording an open verdict, Mr LEQUEN DE LA CROIX, Lowestoft Coroner, said: "Hazel Whiting has gone through a terrible time this past year. She deserves every possible sympathy and understanding.

BUYER CAN KEEP STOLEN CAR

By Our Auckland Correspondent

A New Zealand businessman is being allowed to take delivery of a stolen Jaguar XJS, sold to him by a London car dealer. The buyer has been questioned by Scotland Yard detectives who smashed a stolen car ring in Britain late last year.

It seemed at one stage that the £14,000 car might have to be returned to England, but the detectives were satisfied the New Zealander bought the car in all innocence. They have indicated to the authorities in Auckland that he can keep the car.

'DON'T GO' CALL TO ALL BLACKS

By Our Auckland Correspondent

By declining an invitation to send the All Blacks to South Africa later this year the New Zealand Rugby Football Union could "kick away one of the struts of apartheid," David Lange, Prime Minister of New Zealand, said yesterday.

He said it would be easy for the All Blacks to go to South Africa because most rugby followers wanted them to. "The hard decision for them will be not to go," said Mr Lange.

£10,000 BONDS DRAW

Winning numbers in this month's Premium Bonds £10,000 prize draw are: 9QW 714270 (winner from Hackney); 6TN 308690 (Merseyside); 21TK 226172 (Manchester); 9WT 658088 (Herefordshire); 21ZS 055615 (North Yorkshire).

UNCERTAIN FUTURE

Plight of 'prisoner'

OUR DIPLOMATIC STAFF write: As the hopes of the hostages in Libya rose last night with the arrival of Mr Terry Waite, another British "prisoner" in Tripoli faced an uncertain future.

Mr Malcolm Pike, 30, is free to move around but cannot leave the country. Because the firm he worked for is said to owe Libyan taxes, under Libyan law a representative of the firm must remain in Libya.

The company, Lomand Engineering was nationalised by the Libyans and has ceased to exist. In London a company official said only Lomand Commercial now existed and the man who knew about Mr Pike was "travelling on the continent."

It has been like that since last June when Mr Pike voluntarily returned to Libya. Since then he has not been paid, the Libyans have not been paid, and a promised replacement for him has not arrived.

ADMIRAL'S HONOUR

In the New Year's Honours list published on Dec. 31, the name of Vice-Admiral Nicholas John Streynsham Hunt, L.V.O, who was made a Knight Commander of the Bath (Military Division), was inadvertently omitted.

Bone cancer girl saved by new surgery

REVOLUTIONARY surgery which has saved the life of an 11-year-old girl has brought new hope to young cancer sufferers.

Julie Hunt, of Lichfield Road, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, is recovering in Sunderland General Hospital after becoming the first person in Britain to undergo a new operation pioneered in Austria.

The nine-hour operation involved removing the bone cancer affected thigh section of her right leg and replacing it with the calf and ankle section.

Julie's ankle and foot will be used as a knee joint and a false lower leg and foot will be fitted to allow her complete freedom of movement.

The operation was performed by Sunderland general surgeons Mr Roger Checketts, Mr Tony Cross, Mr Keith Ions and anaesthetist Mrs Margaret Jones, and directed by Dr Jan van der Eiken, who flew from his Amsterdam home free of charge to take part.

Malignant tumour

Julie was found to have a malignant tumour in her right thigh after going to her family doctor complaining of pain. She immediately underwent chemotherapy at Newcastle Royal Victoria Infirmary.

When it was discovered the cancer could be contained in the thigh section, Mr Checketts, consultant orthopaedic surgeon at Sunderland General, decided to try the new operation and invited Dr Van der Eiken to join them.

Mr Checketts said yesterday: "Normally a young child suffering in the same way as Julie would have had to have the whole leg amputated to save her life.

"In this case it would have had to be a very high amputation, within six inches of her hip, and it would have been almost impossible to fit an artificial limb."

Julie is looking forward to resuming lessons at Sunderland's Monkwearmouth Comprehensive at Easter, and plans to resume her favourite hobby, ice skating.

Mr Checketts explained that for about one and a half hours during the operation Julie's right leg was completely separated from her body.

The complete calf, ankle and foot section were then separated from the diseased upper part, moved up and connected to her hip to replace her thigh and knee.

CHRISTMAS EGG

A 20ft Christmas tree at Norwich station is to stay for now; a blackbird has nested in the branches and laid an egg. Rail staff do not want to disturb the bird until the egg is hatched.

HONORARY BENCHER

Lord Cameron of Lochbroom, Q.C., Lord Advocate of Scotland, has been appointed an honorary bencher of Lincoln's Inn.

Eleven-year-old Julie Hunt, who is recovering from a revolutionary operation for bone cancer of the thigh.

Victim campaigns for withdrawal of drug

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

A CAMPAIGN for the withdrawal of the drug ketoconazole, used for the treatment of athlete's foot and other fungal infections, was announced yesterday by patients damaged by the drug's side effects.

Mrs Mercy Gaines, 51, a housewife of Hitchin, Herts, said she had been given the drug after going to her family doctor with an infection in her nails.

"It was a very minor complaint and I never dreamed it could lead to serious side effects, but I started to feel nauseous and suffered dizzy spells.

Five deaths

"I was sent for further tests and now they say that I am suffering from damage to my liver. It is such a potent drug that the damage continues to progress even after you have stopped taking it. It's like having a time bomb ticking away inside me."

She called for the immediate withdrawal of the drug while it was assessed.

Mrs Gaines, wife of a railwayman, and mother of a 20-year-old daughter, is also contacting other patients who have taken the drug to form a patients' watchdog body.

The Committee on Safety of Medicines, the drugs watchdog body, has written to all doctors reminding them of the side effects of ketoconazole and asking them to consider whether it is the most appropriate treatment.

A total of 82 people are known to have suffered liver damage as a result of taking the drug, and five of them have died.

The Health Department says that talks are being held with the manufacturers, but the drug's licence is not being withdrawn as it is a valuable treatment for certain conditions.

Janssen Pharmaceutical, which manufactures the drug under the trade name of Nizoral, says that it has repeatedly warned doctors of the need for care in the use of the drug.

Pirate ship yields $10m booty

By IAN BALL in New York

A first "harvest" of what may be the richest shipwreck find in history has been deposited in a bank vault in Chatham, Massachusetts.

The booty worth $10 million (£8,695,000) is from the British pirate ship Whidam which sank in a storm in 1717 a quarter of a mile off Wellfleet, Cape Cod. Below decks, Capt. Samuel "Black" Bellamy had stowed treasure from 22 French and Spanish ships he had attacked in the Caribbean.

Contemporary accounts put value of the loot at 1 million. It included 180 canvas bags that each held 50lb of jewels.

Mr Richard Cahill, a member of the Massachusetts State Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources, said the Whidah booty could be worth $400 million (£347 million) today.

Detection under sea

The excavation of the wreck is being led by Mr Barry Clifford, 40, who grew up in Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts, not far from the salvage site. He said yesterday that he had dreamed of finding the Whidah's treasure since he first heard the pirate tale as a boy.

He estimated it might take him six to 10 years to recover everything from the submerged wreck.

Using historical records, and a powerful metal-detecting device to search 20 ft under the ocean floor, Mr Clifford's salvagers found 15 to 20 likely spots for the treasure.

"At about the fourth or fifth hole they made this fantastic discovery," Mr Cahill said. He enumerated the items he has seen so far.

Coins and gold

A CHEST full of Spanish and French coins in mint condition dating before 1717;

PIECES of gold bars and jewellery carefully cut, probably by pirates dividing up their share;

TINY nuggets of gold;

MORE than 20 Spanish cannon, a swivel gun, a pirate's broadsword and a flintlock pistol.

Salvage laws require the State Archaeological Board to examine the booty, and to ensure that treasure is preserved and charted.

HEADS' CHAIRMAN

By Our Education Correspondent

Mr John Dale, 51, headmaster of Tattenhall College, a co-educational at Wolverhampton, has been elected chairman of the Society of Headmasters of Independent Schools. He succeeds Mr Dick Gould who has retired as head of Stanbridge Earls School, Romsey.

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Speculators push index to peak of 955·7

ACCOUNT: December 24-January 11.
PAY DAY: January 21.
BARGAINS TRANSACTED: 24,269.
RISES: 359. FALLS: 384.
UNCHANGED: 1,035.
EQUITY TURNOVER. (Jan. 4)— Number of bargains 20,820; value £257·18 million. Shares traded: 165·2 million.

F.T. STOCK INDICES, January 7, 1985

	Index	Change	1984-85 High	Low
Indust. Ord.	955·7	−14·7	955·7	755·3
Govt. Secs.	80·82	−0·31	83·77	75·72
Gold Mines	445·3	−13·7	711·7	445·3
Fixed Int.	85·07	−0·03	87·48	80·43
Ord. Div. p.c.	4·52	−0·06	5·29	4·23
Earn Yld p.c.	11·51	−0·14	12·39	9·00
FT-SE 100:	1229·0	−14·4	1232·2	986·7

THE industrial sections of London stock markets were in good form at the opening of the third leg of the long Christmas trading account. The market got into its stride in mid-morning, with dealers reporting selective institutional buying interest.

Takeover hopes and other special factors prompted some speculative activity and share prices made headway on a fairly broad front. Jobbers were raising values, where the stock supply position was becoming more acute.

Although remaining on their guard against possible profit-taking towards the end of the account, these market specialists were not anticipating any major closure of speculative positions since they believed that the nervous element had sold during last week's shake-out.

The overall condition of the market seemed somewhat healthier than usual at the end of a long account, hence continued enthusiasm about prospects for an extension of the bull run.

There was some concern, particularly in the gilt-edged sector, about the money supply statistics (due today), the feeling being that a bad set of figures could increase pressures for a rise in base rates.

The indices made steady progress with the "30" index closing 14·7 higher at a peak of 955·7. The "100" index was finally 14·4 better at 122·9, against the high of 1252·2.

Oils took a notable turn for the better as Rotterdam spot prices improved, but gold shares remained the poor relations of the market on renewed weakness in bullion.

American buyers again came for **Jaguar**, which responded with a jump of 12 to a peak of 267p. United States interest was also reported in **G K N**, 9 up at 204p, while other leading engineers to meet solid demand were **T I Group**, 6 better at 242p, and **Vickers**, 8 higher at 222p.

Short-dated government securities held steady to firm, but later maturities suffered from some defensive marking-down ahead of the money figures and the overall tone of the market was nervous and sensitive. The printed lists showed losses extending to £½ at the longer end.

Leading banks featured increased speculative interest in **Midland** on hopes of merger or straightforward takeover developments and the shares advanced 15 to 352p. Gains of a few pence were showing in **Barclays**, at 564p, **Lloyds**, at 529p, and **National Westminster**, at 592p. Among merchant banks, **Hill Samuel** were supported up to 335p, a gain of 20.

Continued demand in a thin market left **J A Devenish** another 30 higher at 525p. Other drinks issues were mainly firm, with **Bass**, at 488p, and **Scottish & Newcastle**, at 132½p, but **Matthew Brown** reacted to 265p on further consideration of the takeover denial before rallying to 283p, a fall of 7.

Firm spots in building issues included **Burnett & Hallamshire**, at 160p, and **Turriff Construction**, at 305p, the latter in response to Press comment. The shares of **Wm Leech** were suspended at 138p pending an announcement from the company.

Buyers were again coming for selected blue chips in after-hours business. **British Telecom** hit a high with a rise of 2½ to 108½p and there was follow-through demand for **Cable & Wireless**, which jumped 23 to 473p. **Courtaulds** enjoyed a gain of 7 to 132p, while **Tate & Lyle** advanced 11 to 446p, **Hanson Trust** 7 to 342p, and **Trusthouse Forte** 5 to 155p.

Imperial Group, still reflecting interest engendered by the prospective sale of the Howard Johnson business, were 10 to the good at 194p, after 195p. **B A T Industries** touched 355p before ending 11 higher at 351p, while **Rothmans International** improved to a high of 189p on talk of a major restructuring operation which could result in considerable inflow of cash from overseas.

There was a speculative flurry in **Arrow Chemical**, which climbed 12 to 72p, while Press comment enlivened dealing in **Associated British Ports**, 15 up at 205p, **Blue Arrow**, 4 firmer at 135p, after 135p, **Scapa Group**, 8 better at 440p, and **Share Drug**, 18 higher at 225p. Other bright spots included **Olives Paper**, at 45p, and **Vinten Group**, at 200p.

British Aerospace made steady improvement to close 10 higher at 385p, while paper issues recorded strength in **Bowater Industries**, at 230p, and **Reed International**, at 540p. There was a welcome improvement in **Johnson Matthey**, finally 7 up at 70p.

Company news remained sparse, but satisfactory interim statements left gains in **Ellis & Everard**, at 252p, **Carclo Engineering**, at 172p, and **F H Tomkins**, at 145p. Full results from **A G Barr** excited little interest and the shares eased 5 to 256p.

Fears about the effects concerning reported poor sales of home computers touched-off a bear raid on the shares of **Acorn Computers**, which plunged to a rather nominal 50p before rallying well to close only 4 easier at 62p.

Elsewhere in the electrical section, buyers held the stage in **B I C C**, 10 up at 255p. **Chemring**, 15 higher at 490p, and **B S R**, 12 better at 160p.

Solid investment interest was seen in **Metal Box**, 10 up at 402p, equal to their previous high. On the food pitch, **Hillards** were in the limelight at 352p, a rise of 20, while buyers also favoured **Hazlewoods**, 10 to the good at 930p.

Further discussions about likely moves involving a merger between **Sterling Guarantee** and **P & O Dfd** left the former 3½ up at 67½p and the latter unchanged at 314p, after 316p. **Manchester Ship Canal** rose 13 more to 245p on property development hopes.

A fairly solid-looking advance in leading oil shares was headed by **British Petroleum**, which ended 18 higher at 488p. **Britoil**, at 195p, and **Lasmo**, at 335p, were both 10 better, while gains of 7 were recorded by "**Shell**," at 655p, and **Ultramar**, at 205p. In contrast, **Oliver Prospecting** closed 25 down at 115p on talk of a dry well.

With bullion falling below the $300 level—the final quote was $5 down at $296·50—gold shares suffered further losses. **Vaal Reefs** finished at £67¾, **Winkels**, at £21, **Randfontein**, at £77½, and **Libanon**, at £16¾.

Tailpiece

ONE of our regular correspondents has asked if we can confirm his view that the shares of leather manufacturers, **Pittard Group**, offer interesting potential at this stage. At first sight, the company's basic investment statistics certainly indicate that the shares are undervalued—at 82p, the yield is 7·8 p.c. and the price earnings ratio 7·2.

Additionally, there seems little doubt that the company is due to report good results for the year to December 31, 1984. At the half-way stage, pre-tax profits were more than doubled at £1·04 million, against £455,000, and the accompanying statement was optimistic about progress for the year as a whole. The results, due in March, may well underline the group's wellbeing and the shares should improve accordingly.

SHIPPING

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
232	182	British&Comm	229	+1
137	90	Fisher, J.	118	..
700	510	Graveshipping	620	..
102	65	Hunting Gibsn	86	..
58	45½	Jacobs, John	54	+1
9	3	London&Over	4	..
113	22	Lyle, S.	24	−½
62½	26	Mersey Dck U	57	..
60	26	Milford Docks	59	−2
140	104	Ocean Transpt	127	+½
328	240	P&O Dfd	314	..
47	4	Reardon Smith	20	..
115	75	Runciman, W.	78	..

TOBACCOS

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
352	175	BAT Inds.	351	+11
75	54½	Carreras Lnds.	77½	..
191	137	"Imps"	194	+10
189	112	Rothmans	189	+5

RIGHTS ISSUES

Issue Price			
64	Bairstow Eves (nil pd)	6 pm	..
60	BurnessProp (nil pd)	53 pm	..
285	CarltonComm (nil pd)	180 pm	+15
20	L.C.P. (nil pd)	14 pm	..
255	Pilk'ton Bros. (nil pd)	48 pm	−6
178	Westpac (nil pd)	63 pm	−5

RECENT ISSUES

Issue Price			
160	Access Satellite	194	..
140	Alida Holdings	166	..
100	Breakmate	111	..
130	Brit. Telecom (50p pd)	108½	+2½
105	CVD International	148	..
160	Candover	217	..
115	Craton Lodge	190	−2
—	EuroInvestBnk (£5pd)	£31½	..
£93½	Exch. 3¾% 1998 (£30 pd)	£37⅞	−⅛
170	Firstland Oil	138	+5
78	Gabblecl	92	..
28	Healthcare Services	27	..
210	Iceland Frzn FoodHld	390	..
—	Inds. Scot and Engy.	118	..
145	Instem	223	..
—	Johnson Mt B% Cv Pref	140	−2
85	Kwik-Teknik	118	−3
—	Kingsley & Forester	62	+2
117	Media Technology	170	−1
—	Monument Oil	25	..
56	Optometrics	84	+1
140	P&M Int.	170	..
150	Penny & Giles	150	..
70	Plus nec	75	..
92	Proceed systems	94	..
—	Racal 7% conv	122	..
20	Rex Williams	20½	..
140	Share Drug Stores	225	+18
110	TDO Holdings	125	−1
136	Wardle Storeys	198	..

TOURIST RATES

Australia	1·40½ dollars
Austria	24·95 schillings
Belgium	71·50 francs
Canada	1·50½ dollars
Denmark	12·57 kroner
Finland	7·55 markkaa
France	10·96 francs
Germany	3·57 marks
Greece	*159·00 drachmae
Holland	4·04 guilders
Iceland	*48·00 kronur
Ireland	1·15½ punt
Israel	710·00 shekel
Italy	*2,200 lire
Japan	291 yen
Malta	*0·6180 pounds
New Zealand	2·35 dollars
Norway	10·40 kroner
Portugal	*194·00 escudos
South Africa	*2·45 rand
Spain	*197·00 pesetas
Sweden	10·29 kronor
Switzerland	2·96 francs
Turkey	500·00 lira
United States	1·14 dollars
Yugoslavia	*270·00 dinars

Rates indicate approximate foreign currency bank notes obtainable for sterling in Britain.
* Subject to limit.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

		Close	Day's range	Contracts traded	High-Low
Long Gilt	Mar	105-14	105-17—105-07	1716	110-13—105-06
	Jun	104-28	104-29—104-29	2	105-30—104-28
US T-bond	Mar	71-04	71-09—70 22	1848	72-24—69-25
	June	—	—	—	70-24—70-20
3 month £	Mar	89·39	89·41—89·31	809	90·54—88·24
	June	89·34	89·34—89·27	154	90·13—89·19
3 month Euro-dollar	Mar	90·70	90·72—90·62	4716	90·72—88·04
	June	90·13	90·14—90·05	550	90·18—89·65
Sterling	Mar	1·1405	1·1420—1·1400	79	1·2770—1·1378
	June	1·1370	1·1385—1·1370	404	1·1417—1·1370
D-mark	Mar	—	—	—	0·3437—0·3165
	June	—	—	—	—
Swiss Franc	Mar	—	—	—	0·4013—0·3918
	June	—	—	—	—
Yen	Mar	0·3928	0·3944—0·3943	6	0·4109—0·3987
	June	—	—	—	—
FT-SE 100	Mar	122·85	122·90—121·10	256	125·30—112·00
	Jun	—	—	—	120·65—120·40

Contracts specifications include:
Long-Gilt—notional 20 year stock with 12 pc coupon and face value of £50,000
US T-bond—notional 15 year stock with 8pc coupon and face value of $100,000.
3 month sterling eurodollars—£250,000, US$ 1 million with cash settlement option.
Currencies are quoted against the dollar with face values of £25,000, Dm 125,000 Swf. 125,000 and Yen 12,500,000
FT-SE 100 quoted one-tenth the index with face value of £25 per index point. Settlement cash only.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Option	Ex'cise Price	CALLS Closing Offer (P) JAN.	APR.	JULY	PUTS Closing Offer (P) JAN.	APR.	JULY
BP	460	35	43	50	6	14	22
BP	500	7	20	28	25	33	42
Comm. Union	180	11	21	24	3	8	10
Comm. Union	200	2½	11½	18	14	18	20
Cons. Gold	460	24	40	50	5	18	24
Cons. Gold	500	4	25	30	35	50	57
Courtaulds	120	13	17	19	2	4	7
Courtaulds	130	3½	9	12	4	9	13
GEC	200	20	27	36	1½	5	7
GEC	220	5	13	20	10	13	16
Grand Met.	300	6	20	23	9	18	23
Grand Met.	330	2	6	12	35	40	45
ICI	700	38	54	64	2	12	26
ICI	750	7	22	34	26	40	50
Land Securities	300	8	19	23	6	13	15
Land Securities	330	1	6	12	28	31	33
Marks&Spencer	110	10	15	19	1½	5½	6
Marks&Spencer	120	3	7	11	6	10	13
Shell	600	57	67	73	3	11	15
Shell	650	18	32	40	15	27	35
Traf. House	300	30	46	49	1½	9	7
Traf. House	330	12	25	30	3	27	15

Option	Ex'cise Price	FEB.	MAY	AUG.	FEB.	MAY	AUG.
Barclays	500	70	80	90	5	11	15
Barclays	550	52	42	52	17	25	32
BAT Inds	330	30	38	48	6	13	20
BAT Inds	360	12	23	30	20	25	32
British Telecom	100	12	16½	18	2	3	6
British Telecom	110	5½	9½	12½	5½	7	9½
Imperial Grp	160	36	40	45	2	3	5
Imperial Grp	180	16½	21	25	4	7	10
LASMO	300	45	48	58	5	10	15
LASMO	330	25	35	42	15	20	30
Lonrho	160	10	15	18	6	11	13
Lonrho	180	3	6	8½	19	22	24
P & O	300	24	28	34	4	8	14
P & O	330	8	18	20	19	23	25
Racal	260	15	26	34	9	11	14
Racal	280	7	16	22	22	24	26
R.T.Z.	550	47	57	65	8	18	26
R.T.Z.	600	20	32	38	33	44	52
Vaal Reef	80	5½	9	11½	7	12½	14½
Vaal Reef	90	1½	5½	8	15	17½	21½

Option	Ex'cise Price	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT.
Beecham	360	37	46	53	7	12	17
Beecham	390	16	22	28	23	30	37
Bass	460	38	47	52	8	13	18
Bass	500	14	22	30	23	30	35
De Beers	420c	25	40	50	45	60	80
De Beers	460c	12	27	32	80	95	110
GKN	180	23	33	39	5	8	8
GKN	200	14	19	24	9	14	17
Hanson Tst	300	44	48	53	8	9	13
Hanson Tst	330	25	32	41	12	17	21
Jaguar	240	31	38	39	4	7	12
Jaguar	260	17	22	27	9	14	18
Tesco	220	32	27	32	5	8	12
Tesco	240	10	16	21	13	16	20
FT-SE 100	1200	32	67	80	28	44	54
FT-SE 100	1250	27	42	55	56	72	82

TOTAL CONTRACTS: 9,119

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Citicorp in Harvard talks

HARVARD Securities, the major licensed dealer which recently put its own shares on the over-the-counter market, stated last night that it is involved in talks with the American Citicorp group "which could lead to a takeover of Harvard." The talks are expected to be concluded "very shortly."

Citicorp, the largest of the United States banks, last year arranged to take a 29·9 p.c. stake in the new firm of brokers to be formed by the merger of Vickers Da Costa, in which the American bank already held 29·9 p.c., and Scrimgeour Kemp-Gee.

Ellis improves

ELLIS & EVERARD, distributors of industrial chemicals, reports interim pre-tax profits of £1·87m for the six months ended Oct. 31, compared with £1·16m and £2·56m in the year ended April.

The interim dividend is again 2·5p a share, though payable on the increased capital. The board is confident about the second half. Dividend payable March 11.

Questor—P15

Woolies option

BAXTERGATE Investment company a wholly owned subsidiary of Rosehaugh yesterday exercised an option to purchase at par £2·36m of 11 p.c. convertible unsecured loan stock 1989 in Woolworth Holdings.

Conversion of the whole stock would result in Rosehaugh acquiring 1·157m shares in Woolworth which have a value of £9·09m.

Questor—P15

Tomkins jumps

F. H. TOMKINS has increased interim pre-tax profits to Oct. 31 from £558,000 to £1·22m on turnover up from £10m to £16m. The interim dividend goes up 22 p.c. to 0·775p net, payable April 2.

Questor—P15

German shares up

WEST GERMAN share prices continued to go from strength to strength and yesterday the Commerzbank index of 60 leading shares notched up a record with a gain of 10·80 points to 1,123·50.

Dealers said that although fewer foreign or private investors were active than in recent days there was evidence that institutional investors were back in the market after the New Year break.

Davis extension

GODFREY DAVIS (Holdings), which in October bought a portable building rental business for £2m, has purchased £1m of units from Beeline Systems and two new outlets, as part of its aim to become the largest portable building hire company in Britain within the next two years.

Higher rates

TAKING the lead from Barclays National Bank most of the South African banks yesterday raised their *prime rates by one point* to 25 p.c. The move followed the South African Reserve Bank's announcement that it was raising re-discount rates by one point. In December the banks raised their primes from 23 p.c.

WORLD MARKETS

AMSTERDAM (ANP CBS Gen)	187·50	+ 0·40
BRUSSELS (Stock Index)	2,159·01	− 1·52
FRANKFURT (Commerzbank)	1,123·50	+10·80
HONGKONG (Hang Seng)	1,281·87	+19·57
NEW YORK (Dow Jones)	1,190·59	+ 5·63
PARIS (CAC General)	182·90	+ 1·50
SYDNEY (All Ord.)	715·2	− 6·2
TOKYO (Nikkei Dow)	11,575·52	+30·36
ZURICH (Credit Suisse)	327·50	+ 4·20

U.S. RATES

Federal funds ... 8¼ p.c. (8⅜ p.c.)
Treas. 3 month bills ... 7·80-·75 (7·83-·78)
Long bonds ... $101·89 ($100·16)
Yield ... 11·52 p.c. (11·70 p.c.)

U.S. COMMODITIES

GOLD (Comex): Jan. 302·30 (299·70). Feb. 303·70 (298·10). April 307·30 ... March 305·60 (301·80). June 311·90 (307·90). Oct. 321·10 ... Aug. [illegible]·40 (312·40). Dec. 326·70 (322·10) ... Feb. [illegible]·40 (327·40). April 336·80 ... June 342·80 (338·80). Oct. 355·20 ... Aug. [illegible]·90 (344·90). Est. sales: 40,000 contracts. (331·90).

SILVER: Jan. 606·4 (586·2). Feb. 607·3 (589·4). March 612·0 (593·5). May [illegible]·7 (603·3). July 630·0 (621·8). Dec. [illegible] Sept. 640·1 (643·5). Jan. 661·8 ... March [illegible]·6 (654·7). May 685·3 ... July 697·8 (672·8). Sept. 716·3 (691·8). Sales: 26,000 contracts.

COPPER: Jan. 57·15 (56·20). March 57·85 (56·95). May 58·45 ... July 59·05 (58·80). Sept. (57·38) ... Dec. 60·35 (58·80). 58·60 (58·80). March 61·60. Jan. 60·90 (60·15). July ... May 62·85 (61·35). [illegible] Sept. 63·60 (62·55). 62·90 (62·85). Sales: 19,000 contracts.

FT—ACTUARIES INDICES

Industrial Group	610·77	(+6.04)
"500"	649·17	(+7·12)
All-Share	590·93	(+5·47)

Europe's cold spell props spot oil prices

By ROLAND GRIBBEN

A SPOT market price system for North Sea oil was in operation yesterday as trading staged a modest rally helped by the cold snap in most of Europe. Prices were 15-30 cents a barrel higher in European and New York spot markets but were still well below official prices.

Traders said that almost all the North Sea oil produced in the British and Norwegian sectors is being quoted at discounts of up to $3 a barrel or more and that the official price structure had collapsed.

The British National Oil Corporation is being forced to sell almost 800,000 barrels a day at spot prices of between $26 and $26·30 a barrel for delivery over the next two months because almost all its customers have opted out of contracts.

But the State trader is continuing to pay suppliers the official price based on Brent oil of $28·65 a barrel and market men estimate that its losses are running at around £12 million a week.

B N O C has been wanting to move towards a spot market related formula to reduce losses and has been given tacit Government clearance to operate on this basis at least for January.

The corporation and the Government are continuing to play for time before deciding on any new official price, needed as a tax reference base for suppliers, although informal discussions are still going on and some companies are pressing B N O C for a clear indication *about its plans.*

The timing is being complicated by uncertainties about whether the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, at another meeting later this month, will decide to cut light oil crudes, equivalent to North Sea grades, by 50 cents a barrel.

Any British move before the Opec meetings, it is being argued, will be a further disruptive force in sensitive markets. Opec ministers are now in constant contact over the new price and production pact.

Traders and companies believe that a $1-$2 a barrel cut in the $29 a barrel base for Opec light oil could provide the stability needed by the market. They point out that the current crisis is caused by a considerable surplus of overvalued light oil and that Opec last month raised average official prices by 25 cents a barrel by increasing the price *of undervalued heavy oil.*

Yesterday's spot market movements has provided some breathing space for Opec and Britain but has done nothing to relieve the pressure for cuts in offiical prices.

Brent oil in European markets rose by ten cents to $26·30 a barrel for delivery this month and by 15 cents to $26·05 for shipment next month, while there was a bigger bounce back in United States markets after sharp falls on Friday.

But signs that the market has already discounted the cold weather effects were evident in prices being canvassed for March delivery. Brent was being quoted at $25·50 a barrel, a discount of $3·15 on the current official price.

There are divisions in Whitehall about switching to a spot market formula as a new long-term basis for North Sea oil. But there is no disguising the anxiety to find ways to reduce *the exposure and vulnerability* of B N O C.

It is recognised that sticking to a quarterly or even two-monthly price fixing strategy, even at lower prices, will mean it will be some time before B N O C can rebuild its customer base.

Midland Bank scorns takeover speculation

By ANNE SEGALL

MIDLAND BANK shares jumped 15p to 352p yesterday as the City pinned its hopes on an outside bid for the bank following last week's news of huge losses in California.

These are expected to wipe out Midland's second half profits, forcing the bank to draw on its reserves in order to maintain its dividend to shareholders.

Speculation on the most likely suitor continued to focus on B A T Industries, with British Petroleum and G E C also regarded as frontrunners. The Bank of England was said to be acting as marriage broker.

These suggestions were, however, vigorously slapped down by all concerned with Midland Bank finance director, Michael Julien, arguing that "we are not involved in any discussions with anyone."

According to Mr Julien, Midland has no urgent need for outside capital and would probably serve its shareholders better by freeing capital from internal resources rather than allowing the bank to be bought too cheaply.

The bank is capitalised at just over £800 million or less than half its true value on a net assets basis.

The main concern in financial markets yesterday was that moves by the American rating agencies to review Midland's credit standing could impair the bank's ability to raise money internationally.

Mr Julien made it clear, however, that Midland is highly liquid and that the reaction of money markets has been "extremely calm."

The City calculates that Midland needs roughly £300 million of extra capital to boost its free capital ratio from 4 p.c. to a more acceptable 4·5 p.c.

It believes the bank will attempt to raise roughly £100 million through the sale of its 18 p.c. stake in Investors in Industry and could also make property disposals of at least £100 million.

A further £100 million could be raised through the issue of perpetual bonds on international capital markets.

Living standards mark time

LIVING standards in Britain have been virtually static since late 1983, according to government figures for the third quarter of last year released yesterday.

They show that real personal disposable incomes—after-tax incomes adjusted for inflation — fell fractionally in the third quarter and were only 1 p.c. higher than a year earlier.

The miners' strike is estimated to have depressed wages and salaries by about 1 p.c. in the second and third quarters of 1984, knocking perhaps 0·75 p.c. off total incomes.

But higher interest payments, reflecting the increase in rates last summer, and erratically large tax payments by the self-employed in the third quarter also dampened the growth of after-tax incomes.

The overall figures disguise what has happened to different groups of people. Those in employment have had pay rises well in excess of inflation, boosting living standards by up to 3 p.c. in the year to last autumn. But the miners' strike and the steady increase in unemployment have kept average living standards down.

Dunlop chairman to meet minnows' leader

By MICHAEL BECKET

SIR Michael Edwardes, chairman of *Dunlop Holdings,* is meeting Prof. Robert Pritchard, who leads a group of small shareholders, tomorrow to dicuss the misgivings Prof. Pritchard has about the financial rescue package being put together by the banks.

Prof. Pritchard, of Leicester University, *says* he wants "to be clear the interests of small shareholders are being protected."

Since the 46 creditor banks appointed the directors they "presumably have confidence in the board and the future of the company" and so need not exact *such* a high price for their support, he added.

Pegi Malaysia, which owns 26 p.c. of Dunlop, finally agreed the package but it is known not to be happy at the terms, especially at the dilution of equity involved. But it was advised by its merchant bank *that* the compromise terms were the best that could be achieved.

"We want to support the company—we believe it is sound and has a future and I have every confidence in Sir *Michael and his colleagues,"* said Prof. Pritchard. But there is a clear conflict of interests between the banks and shareholders so he wants the agreement left fluid while shareholders have a chance to vet it.

Support for the shareholders' group is curently nearly 7 p.c. of the shares but Prof. Pritchard expects that to grow as news of discussions spread. The meeting is at Sir Michael's initiative and comes some three weeks before the rescue plan—over a year in the making—is to be *signed.*

If the shareholders' action group managed to muster enough support for its rebellion to vote down a rescue package, there is a danger Dunlop would have to be put in receivership—the banks have already threatened that *to impose Sir Michael as chair*man on the company. But that "would be an act of great irresponsibility," said Prof. Pritchard.

CITY COMMENT

Pound's plight poses interest rates dilemma

THE INCREDIBLE shrinking pound continued to dwindle yesterday, which was scarcely surprising given soggy oil prices and *weekend reports that* Mrs Thatcher has no intention of allowing interest rates to rise to prop it up.

Yet again the foreign exchange markets are apparently being offered a one-way bet. The pound closed 93 points lower at $1·145.

Naturally things are not quite so simple. The Government is, we are told, grudgingly prepared to countenance a small increase in interest rates to calm anxieties about runaway monetary growth even though we are also assured that the money supply, beneath all *the distortions,* is under control.

This does not make a lot of sense. It is the fact that the pound is falling not just against the rampant dollar but against all leading currencies that is making the markets so apprehensive about domestic financial conditions.

The Chancellor may have told the Commons Treasury Select Committee that a strong exchange rate is not part of his definition of "sound money."

But the exchange rate is still used as an indicator of the stance of monetary policy, and at the *moment both the sliding pound and* the most recent news on money growth and public borrowing seem to point to a worrying financial laxity.

Strong retail sales, a buoyant equity market at a new peak yesterday, and rapid growth of the untargeted measure of private sector liquidity, P S L 2, which includes building society deposits, lend further corroboration.

Today's money supply figures for banking December will have to be exceptionally good, preferably showing no change or a fall, for these fears to be put to rest. Expectations in the market range from a fall of 1 p.c. to a rise of 1 p.c., reflecting the huge uncertainties introduced by the British Telecom flotation which have yet to be unwound.

Even then interest rates could still rise. As David Morrison, of stockbrokers Simon & Coates points out, the Government is in a Catch 22 situation.

If the money supply figures are not good, the banks will certainly raise their base lending rates to catch up with market rates.

If the numbers are good the *foreign exchange markets will* reason that rates are unlikely to rise, put further pressure on the pound and force up market rates to the point where the banks have no option but to move. This could mean a bigger jump in interest rates than one prompted by money *supply worries.*

Mr Lawson might thus do better to bow to market anxieties on the domestic monetary front and allow base lending rates to rise from the present $9\frac{1}{2}$-$9\frac{3}{4}$ p.c. to 10 or $10\frac{1}{2}$ p.c., than to let the currency markets do the dirty work for him, as they did so devastatingly last July.

New thrust for old debate

AS STERLING continues to slide, a new research body, Public Policy Centre, has chosen the exchange rate as its first study. A group of distinguished economists (including Christopher Dow, Michael Artis and John Williamson) and bankers (including John Quinton, vice-chairman of Barclays Bank) will consider the merits of the Government's "hands-off" policy. They will thus ask themselves what would be the consequences of making the exchange rate a more explicit target. And that will lead them to consider whether Britain ought to join the European Monetary System or promote other international arrangements, designed to stabilise currency rates.

The subject and the team are a good start. Public Policy Centre has been set up by people who recognise the failure of the old orthodoxies of the 1960s and 1970s — discredited notions such as incomes *policies,* Government intervention in industrial decision-making, pumping up demand to create employment. Yet they also distrust the new nostrums, so persuasively advocated by the Institute of Economic Affairs and others that Mrs Thatcher's Government have *had few qualms in disregarding* the existing consensus.

Does this mean that Public Policy Centre is in effect a "think tank" for the Alliance? Seeing that the advisory board is chaired by Dick Taverne and that among its members are John Horam, (former S D P M P) and John Pardoe (former Liberal M P), it is tempting to conclude that this must be so. To this the correct response is surely — so what? Among the many necessary elements in a formula for Britain's recovery is an intelligent debate about public policy. It looks as if the new body will contribute powerfully to that.

Misguided charity?

BY ALMOST any yardstick, The Wellcome Foundation, is worth a billion pounds. By some measures it is worth considerably more. If it were offered for sale on the stock market, investors would fall over each other in the rush for shares.

But Wellcome, which celebrates its fiftieth birthday next year, is not about to offer any of its shares to the outside world. It is wholly owned by the Wellcome Trust, a registered charity which applies all its income from the foundation to the support of medical and allied research in universities and hospitals throughout the world.

Other than the lunatics of the *Animal Liberation Front,* who spent last weekend hurling paint, missiles and petrol bombs through the windows of homes of Wellcome staff, few would find fault with the structure or objectives of the set-up. Over the last five years, turnover has grown from £442 million to £806 *million, not quite so fast* as equivalent turnover at Glaxo Holdings — but not far behind. Glaxo turned over £874 million from its non-wholesaling activities last year.

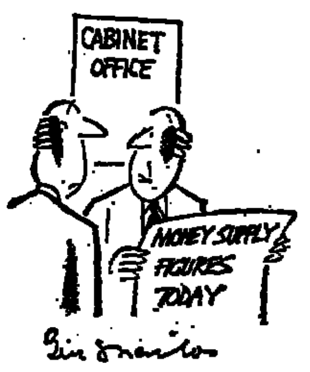
Wellcome is investing a great deal in research and development —£97 *million last year against* Glaxo's £86 million. The foundation gets by on a smaller base of shareholders' funds than Glaxo and has less total capital employed in the business. It is fat with cash, has modest borrowings and substantial unused banking facilities. It is, in *other words, prudently and commercially managed.*

But that does not necessarily make it the best investment for a trust dedicated to supporting medical research. In terms of profitability, Wellcome lags far behind Glaxo, earning profit before tax last year of £89 million compared with Glaxo's £256 million. That, in turn, is reflected in the amount which can be passed through to the Trust. Wellcome paid £17 million last year — but Glaxo paid £48 millions of dividends.

On the basis of £17 million of *dividends and a capital value of a* billion pounds for the foundation, the trust is earning a return of just 1·7 p.c. Wellcome could, however, be worth substantially more than a billion — Glaxo, after all, is now capitalised in the stock market at over £4 billion.

Wellcome may not have a drug to equal Glaxo's Zantac, but it does have a growing portfolio of products and a potentially big new anti-depressant coming into clinical trials. It is expanding in many markets, with 90 p.c. of turnover outside Britain.

If it were owned by the Government, Mrs Thatcher would be itching to privatise it. The Trust, chaired by Sir David Steel, might give the matter some thought.



"I'm praying for snow on the M1."

New York and London discuss joint trading

The New York Stock Exchange has been holding preliminary discussions with the London Stock Exchange about possible joint ventures in securities trading.

Richard Torrenzano, vice-president *of the New York* exchange, confirmed yesterday that talks had been in progress for several months "on a broad range of subjects" involving dealing information.

No timetable has yet been agreed for any co-operative ventures and any major deal with New York will have to await a final decision by the Stock Exchange Council on the shape of the new dealing system which will follow the "big bang" abolition of minimum commission rates.

But the council has already rented several channels on the Mercury communications system *to transmit its "TOPIC"* market information data to commercial customers in the United States.

If those deals go well they could help to provide the basis for a much more extensive agreement with the New York Stock Exchange, which has no equivalent to TOPIC, in the future.

The Stock Exchange Council is to debate the vexed question of terms for allowing outsiders into the stock market today.

A special sub-committee has already drafted proposals for the new system, but smaller brokers are expressing concern that they may lose out as large financial groups, particularly those from America and the Far East enter the London market.

Though final agreement on proposals to be put to all Stock Exchange members at a general meeting, which will probably be held in the spring, is likely to take at least one further council meeting, expectations are that a sliding-scale for entry will be put forward.

Hire purchase swells spending

SHOPPERS borrowed just short of £1 billion in November, continuing the high level higher of purchase spending shown in the previous month.

At the same time, according to final figures released by the Department of Trade and Industry, total spending in the shops reached a record level in November with around £6·5 billion passing through the tills.

The department's volume of *retail sales index for November* was fixed at 115 (1980 = 100), a slight downward revision from the provisional estimate of 115·4.

Company trading profits up 19pc

COMPANY profits continued to show substantial gains into the third quarter, Government figures confirmed yesterday.

Trading profits, net of stock appreciation, of industrial and commercial companies at £8·5 billion were 19 p.c. higher than a year earlier.

North Sea oil based companies produced a 15 *p.c.* year on year gain with trading profits of £4·6 billion.

Total income, including the profits growth, rose by 14 p.c. to £16·8 billion with higher interest rates contributing to the improvement.

The Central Statistical Office figures also show dividend distribution was up by 18 p.c. from a year earlier to £1·3 billion.

Broker loan rate lower

By JAMES SRODES in Washington

US TRUST cut its broker loan rate yesterday from $9\frac{3}{4}$ p.c. to $9\frac{1}{4}$ p.c. and immediately boosted morale on Wall Street. The prospect of lower oil prices also aided sentiment.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average advanced unsteadily in early trading.

The index closed up 5·63 at 1,190·59.

The Dow climb came right on the heels of reports that the British National Oil Corporation is selling North Sea crude at $2 dollars less than the offi*cial price. Lower oil prices* are a bullish sign for inflation and interest rates, investors believe.

In foreign exchange markets the pound continued to drop on the oil price speculation. Shortly before the close the dollar had risen to $1·535.

Lower short term interest rates and a firm bond market contributed to activity. The key federal funds rate, which banks charge each other for overnight loans, fell below $8\frac{1}{4}$ p.c.

On the merger front, Occi*dental Petroleum and Diamond* Shamrock announced an agreement to merge through a share swop valued at about $3 billion. Shareholders in Occidental and Diamond will exchange their stock for shares in a new holding company.

The proposed takeover of *Diamond would make Occidental* the seventh largest oil concern in America. It currently ranks eighth.

Wall Street reacted unfavourably. Occidental fell $1\frac{3}{4}$ and Diamond Shamrock $1.

● Sterling closed at $1·1425, against $1·1535.

Share freeze by William Leech

IT LOOKS as if a new bid is on its way for William Leech, the Newcastle housebuilder, after the group called for a temporary halt to dealings yesterday "pend*ing an announcement.*"

The group, which narrowly fought off a £21·8 million offer from Bath-based building and property development group, C. H. Beazer, last July, is capitalised at £20·7 million at the pre-suspension price of 158p.

Brian Beazeer, whose company was left with a near 17 p.c. stake after the bid but now holds 24·66 p.c. of the equity, said yesterday he was "unable to comment on the situation."

He failed to win control of Leech by les than 4 p.c. of the equity in July.

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132·7	114·1	Unicorn Recovery	120·1	128·3
58·5	43·3	Unic. Techno'. Inc.	50·4	53·6
83·9	56·4	Unicorn Trustee	78·9	*83·8
113·5	87·5	Unicorn World Wide	104·7	*111·3
165·1	128·4	B.T. Inv. Fd. Inc.	154·6	164·4
244·1	186·4	B.T. Inv. Fd. Acc.	228·9	243·5
BARING BROS. & CO.				
488·5	402·2	Barrington Trust	469·0	498·5
718·0	585·0	Barrington Tst. Accum	689·5	718·0
BRIDGE FUND MANAGERS				
68·0	50·0	B. American & Gen.	63·2	68·0
110·0	86·4	B. Cap. Inc.	96·8	104·2
141·2	108·4	B. Cap. Acc.	125·8	134·9
252·0	200·8	B. Exempt	234·0	252·0
106·4	84·0	B. Income	97·3	106·4
42·2	34·3	B. Intnl. Recov. Inc.	34·9	37·5
59·1	44·8	B. Intnl. Recov. Acc	45·7	49·1
BRITANNIA GROUP OF UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
66·1	65·2	American Growth	60·3	65·7
54·2	50·0	American Inc.	50·6	54·0
25·7	19·8	Amer. Smaller Co's	21·8	22·4
75·4	61·7	Amer. Special Sits.	68·2	72·7
78·4	61·5	Australian Grth. Tst	74·5	79·5
176·3	124·8	Commodities Tst.	134·4	142·3
330·8	222·0	Exempt Trust	54·4	57·0
64·7	52·2	Exempt Mkt Leaders	61·4	*64·7
53·2	45·4	Extra Income	49·7	52·8
45·8	33·2	Far East	40·1	42·8
36·2	28·5	Financial Secs.	33·0	*35·2
63·5	49·0	Gilt Growth Trust	50·5	51·2
28·8	25·0	Gilt Trust	25·8	*26·9
34·3	21·7	Gold & General	19·7	*21·2
25·0	15·5	Hongkong Perform.	21·4	*25·0
151·8	122·8	Income & Growth	142·3	151·8
30·0	20·0	Intnl. Growth	26·2	27·9
11·5	8·9	Intnl. Leisure	9·6	10·2
45·6	31·1	Japan Performance	39·6	42·2
14·1	10·7	Japan Smaller Co's	11·6	12·4
147·7	117·0	Nat. High Income	137·6	146·8
19·9	18·5	Preference Shares	15·4	*19·0
41·0	33·9	Property Share	37·8	40·1
78·7	63·2	Recovery	72·1	76·9
110·4	91·0	Small Co's	105·2	110·1
81·5	61·3	Spec. Situations Tst.	73·8	75·6
39·5	26·0	U.K. Grth. (Domicile)	30·1	32·1
58·8	46·5	Universal Energy	51·5	56·0
50·4	40·7	World Tech Tst.	44·9	47·9
BROWN SHIPLEY & CO.				
50·3	42·5	Brown Shipley Fund	46·4	*49·9
80·2	66·7	Accum.	74·1	79·6
69·5	56·3	Financial	63·7	68·6
111·0	86·0	Growth	103·5	111·0
169·1	125·9	Growth Acc.	157·3	169·1
48·7	37·9	High Inc.	45·0	48·3
54·1	44·0	Income Fund	50·0	53·7
25·7	14·4	North American	19·1	20·5
55·0	43·9	Orient. Fund	50·5	54·7
26·4	22·7	Recovery	24·8	*26·7
166·9	137·7	Technology Fund	147·8	159·0
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT CO.				
162·5	129·9	General Fund	154·5	*162·5
238·2	187·8	General Accum.	217·1	228·2
78·5	66·4	Incog Fund	72·4	78·5
122·3	109·1	Income Accum.	118·6	122·2
117·8	93·6	International Fund	107·8	112·2
149·8	120·2	International Accum	138·8	145·0
CANADA LIFE UNIT TRUST MNGRS.				
90·6	72·3	Canlife Gen. Dist.	85·9	90·6
136·9	109·4	Canlife Gen. Accum.	129·8	136·6
57·0	52·1	Can. Gilt & Fixed Int.	53·9	55·7
61·6	52·5	Canlife Income Dist	58·5	61·6
CANNON FUND MANAGERS LTD.				
248·6	198·6	Income	232·2	*247·0
135·7	106·7	Far East	126·7	133·7
CATER ALLEN UNIT TRUST MNGRS.				
112·2	108·0	Cater Allen Gilt Tst.	100·8	106·8
CHIEFTAIN TRUST MANAGERS				
53·5	39·8	American Trust	42·0	45·1
25·4	21·0	Australian Trust	20·2	21·7
54·2	38·3	Blade Resources	36·4	38·0
70·1	55·1	Far Eastern Trust	64·3	66·7
37·3	29·5	Gilt Recovery Tst.	35·0	37·0
47·0	36·3	High Income	39·3	42·1
48·6	32·1	Income & Grth. Tst.	37·9	40·6
66·7	53·3	International Trust	56·5	60·5
21·6	20·3	Fixed & Xtra	18·2	*19·5
38·4	32·1	Smaller Co's	31·6	33·8
33·6	27·2	Special Income Sits	31·1	33·5
CONFEDERATION FUND MNGMT.				
165·2	132·6	Growth	157·0	*165·2
COUNTY BANK UNIT SERVICES LTD.				
228·5	179·2	Capital Trust	213·8	217·4
61·0	48·3	Energy	46·8	49·7
136·9	109·7	Extra Income	118·6	126·1
93·5	71·8	Financial Trust	88·0	93·5
52·4	49·5	Gilt Safety	50·6	*51·8
229·5	177·4	Growth Invest Trust	211·5	*225·0
101·0	80·1	Income Trust	93·0	101·0
83·1	62·3	Managered Pac. Grth.	78·4	81·1
100·5	72·2	Nth Amer. Growth Tst.	83·8	89·1
143·4	119·7	Portfolio Inv. Fd.	136·4	*147·8
101·6	75·8	Recovery Trust	91·1	96·9
162·7	111·5	Smaller Co's	134·0	142·5
CRESCENT GROUP				
75·5	60·7	Crescent American	67·4	73·1
60·8	49·5	Crescent Capital Fd.	56·7	60·6
101·6	81·5	Crescent Gilt & Inc	91·6	107·1
97·3	57·9	Crescent High Div.	78·0	83·4
174·5	134·8	Crescent Intnl	161·5	172·8
115·9	93·7	Crescent Tokyo Fd.	106·2	113·6
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD.				
107·8	87·9	Crown American Tst	99·0	*106·1
170·8	141·7	Crown Growth Trust	159·1	170·2
170·9	154·8	Crown Inc. Inc. Tst.	160·0	171·1
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MNGMT.				
79·4	69·0	Discretionary Inc.	72·7	76·9
135·7	114·6	Discretionary Acc.	123·6	130·7
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION, LTD.				
276·2	182·8	Equitable Pelican Ut.	250·2	275·8
EQUITY AND LAW UNIT TRUST				
103·0	78·0	Far East Acc.	94·5	100·5
189·1	152·8	General	175·9	187·1
86·9	78·4	Gilts Fixed Int Acc'n	82·3	86·6
160·5	112·4	Higher Inc. Tst. Acc.	150·7	160·5
129·4	93·0	Lower Tst. Acc.	118·8	125·7
115·9	90·8	U.K. Growth Tst. Acc.	108·9	115·8
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT LTD.				
67·0	47·8	F & C American Fd.	59·8	64·0
94·6	76·6	F & C Capital Fund	87·7	93·8
62·2	51·0	F & C Income Fund	58·1	62·2
56·2	49·8	F&C Far Eastern Fd	48·7	52·1
FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT LTD.				
90·9	69·3	American	83·0	88·4
61·1	43·2	Amer. Special Sits.	49·8	51·3
31·5	28·2	Gilt & Fixed Interest	28·4	*29·5
67·5	49·4	Growth & Income	63·4	*67·5
55·1	51·6	Japan Trust	51·0	55·2
83·3	64·0	Managed Intl. Trust	71·2	*82·8
56·1	41·1	May Inc. Equity Tst	52·5	56·5
97·2	71·6	Special Situations	91·3	97·2
FINLAY JAMESON UNIT TST. MNGMNT.				
67·3	73·0	Fund of Inv. Trust	73·9	85·9
126·9	104·6	Fund of Inv. Acc.	115·5	124·2
54·9	46·6	Income	51·1	54·9
76·9	58·4	International	65·2	70·0
89·5	74·3	International Accum	83·2	89·5
19·9	15·4	World Energy Fund	15·6	17·1
27·1	22·4	World Energy Acc.	21·8	23·4
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MNGMT.				
196·2	158·4	American	164·5	175·0
198·2	163·0	Amer. & Gen. Acc.	166·3	176·9
179·8	151·4	Amer. Turnaround	166·0	176·4
199·4	154·8	Amer. Turnaround Acc.	169·5	180·4
183·0	107·4	Capital	136·4	145·0
169·9	122·6	Capital Accum.	159·4	169·2
78·8	66·2	Convertible & Gilt	69·1	73·5
91·6	73·8	Convert. & Gilt Acc.	81·2	87·6
111·4	83·2	Extra Inc.	104·6	111·2
95·2	67·0	Income	80·0	85·0
152·4	122·6	Intnl. Growth	132·3	141·6
168·4	137·1	Int. Growth Accum.	150·4	161·0
60·4	46·6	Japan & Gen. Inc.	55·8	59·2
93·0	77·0	Recovery Trust	87·6	93·0
98·0	80·0	Recovery Trust Acc.	90·2	96·0
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT MNGMT.				
162·2	126·5	Fd's Prov. Entry Dis	151·8	160·6
261·4	200·8	Fd's Prov. Entry Dis	244·8	259·8
G. & A. UNIT TRUST MNGRS.				
90·3	70·5	G. & A. Units	85·1	90·3
G.T. UNIT MANAGERS				
70·1	54·0	G.T. Capital Income	65·3	70·1
97·0	57·3	G.T. Capital Accum.	90·6	97·0
130·2	113·0	G.T. European	129·2	138·2
90·6	65·1	G.T. Far East & Gen	79·5	84·0
64·6	52·0	G.T. Income Fund	59·7	63·9
106·0	84·0	G.T. Intnl. Fund	97·6	104·4
155·3	112·6	G.T. Japan & Gen.	141·2	151·1
102·7	97·9	G.T. Dollar Reserve	98·3	99·6
143·8	118·5	G.T. Pensn. Exempt	136·4	142·9
67·1	62·1	G.T. Tech & Growth Fd	65·2	69·8
54·9	42·4	G.T. U.S. Gen.	44·3	47·4
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
89·2	66·5	American Trust	75·9	80·6
26·7	18·6	Australian Trust	19·8	21·0
42·8	33·3	British Trust	39·3	41·8
76·3	61·6	Commodity Share	63·4	*67·7
36·8	29·3	Extra Income	34·4	36·7
65·4	54·8	Far Eastern	58·5	63·4
27·9	24·8	Fixed Interest Trust	24·2	25·8
28·8	25·1	Gilt Trust	25·2	*26·3
112·9	89·2	Global Strategy Tst.	106·1	112·8
25·0	16·5	Gold Share Trust	15·8	*16·5
103·5	84·1	High Income Inc.	97·4	103·7
30·2	17·5	Home Resources	28·3	30·2
43·3	36·5	Income Fund	45·4	48·3
77·6	58·5	Japan Trust	71·6	76·2
41·8	33·1	Oil & Energy Trust	34·8	37·1
69·9	54·3	Spec. Situations Inc	64·2	68·3
47·3	38·8	U.S. Sm'l Co's Sector	44·2	47·1
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MNGMT.				
58·3	46·3	Gold & Minerals Fd.	45·3	48·4
56·4	44·5	Govett Am. Grth. Fd.	52·8	*56·4
102·4	88·7	Govett Euro. Growth	95·7	102·5
64·5	49·8	Govett Int. Growth	60·0	64·1
90·4	82·7	Govett Jap. Grth. F.	85·8	*89·6
GRIEVESON MNGMNT.—BARRINGTON FUNDS				
237·5	194·7	European	226·9	*237·5
714·2	570·0	General	674·7	714·2
935·5	746·7	General Accum.	883·9	935·5
119·1	106·2	Gilt	109·3	*116·7
64·4	57·3	High Yield	60·5	*64·4
119·1	89·7	High Yield Accum.	111·6	119·1
99·6	89·9	Japan	94·6	101·1
240·3	207·8	North America	213·1	*223·6
270·7	208·1	North American Acc.	248·7	254·1
101·5	83·2	Pacific	93·9	98·7
112·9	92·4	Pacific Accum.	104·8	111·3
269·9	222·3	Smaller Co's	253·6	*269·9
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE UNIT MNGRS.				
122·6	111·3	GRE Gilt & Fixed	112·6	117·0
229·8	171·5	GRE North Recy Tst	185·1	194·4
122·6	92·9	GRE North America	114·8	120·1
144·5	108·8	GRE Pacific	135·1	143·8
154·9	118·1	GRE Property Share	144·1	153·3
162·5	125·8	GRE Small Co's	152·5	162·2
260·5	192·1	Guardhill	231·6	239·9
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION				
120·5	91·5	American Recovery	107·5	115·6
89·6	59·5	Australian Tst	65·2	67·0
55·7	38·3	American Small Co's	45·1	48·4
122·2	97·0	Extra Income	113·3	*121·8
60·8	56·3	Gen. Growth Inc.	45·1	48·2
54·5	40·6	Cap. Growth Acc.	50·7	54·2
128·1	90·8	European	121·1	128·2
91·2	76·6	Financial	85·7	89·6
57·6	54·2	Fixed Interest	52·4	*55·4
50·6	43·8	Gilt Fund	44·4	46·7
52·4	43·2	Global Health Care	49·6	51·7
109·5	89·1	Global Technology	92·3	*98·8
128·2	105·2	High Income	117·6	125·8
79·9	60·5	Income & Assets	74·7	79·9
103·8	81·6	Inc. & Growth Inc.	96·9	*103·6
126·6	146·3	Inc. & Growth Acc.	173·8	*199·3
118·9	95·0	International Trust	110·2	117·9
78·5	75·3	Japan Special Sits.	95·6	99·2
94·5	75·3	Japan Trust	87·8	93·5
92·3	73·8	North American	82·3	*88·1
32·3	28·7	Oil & Natural Resources	29·8	31·9
51·0	46·8	Pref. & Gilt	45·7	*49·9
92·0	64·1	Recovery	76·0	81·7
78·7	66·5	Small Co's Inv.	69·1	72·8
100·6	79·2	Spec. Situations Inc	88·0	95·5
138·6	108·0	Spec. Situations Acc	128·2	137·1
268·4	229·6	Worldwide In	250·3	263·5
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST. MNGMT.				
415·5	316·5	British Trust	371·8	397·9
77·7	59·1	Capital Trust	70·7	75·8
151·3	143·1	Dollar Trust	145·1	157·6
51·9	49·1	European Trust	50·1	*53·8
97·6	70·8	Far East Trust	91·7	97·6
258·1	190·8	General Trust	239·6	255·9
128·0	96·0	General Exempt Tst	120·0	128·0
29·4	28·6	Gilt & Fixed Int.	27·0	28·1
40·2	35·4	Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	37·4	38·9
49·3	40·2	High Yield Trust	46·2	49·2
135·4	108·7	Income Trust	85·6	89·1
58·1	47·8	Intnl. Trust	50·4	54·2
34·4	24·1	Japanese Tech.	29·1	*31·0
41·8	30·0	Natural Resources T	28·6	31·5
135·9	99·5	Security Trust	102·6	110·5
51·7	37·5	Smaller Comp. Trust	48·5	51·7
78·5	64·6	Special Sits. Tst.	69·8	73·2
KEY FUND MANAGERS				
167·6	116·5	Key Equity & Gen.	154·1	162·7
92·6	87·7	Key Fixed Int. Fd.	88·6	89·8
158·1	123·7	Key Income Fund	139·3	149·8
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT MNGRS.				
158·8	138·9	K.B. Fd. of Inv. Tsts	143·6	157·3
95·3	77·6	K.B. High Yield	89·1	*94·5
219·5	122·6	K.B. J.E. Eq Gth In	189·9	217·2
59·8	49·0	K.B. Int Rec Fd Inc.	54·6	*59·8
61·5	51·8	K.B. Smaller Co's	199·1	115·7
59·6	43·7	K.B. Wld Tech Fd Inc	51·3	44·2
LAWSON FUND MANAGERS				
10·8	7·5	Australian & Pacific	7·9	8·5
24·5	21·9	High Yield	20·9	23·6
17·5	14·7	Penny Share	13·7	15·9
LEGAL & GENERAL TST. MNGRS.				
218·8	122·1	Equity Trust	204·5	218·7
331·2	229·7	Equity Accum.	309·2	330·6
72·6	63·0	Gilt	65·7	69·5
63·7	51·0	Intnl. Managed	58·3	*62·8
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TST. MNGRS.				
150·8	117·8	Balanced	141·0	150·6
259·5	186·0	Accum.	241·7	259·5
59·8	49·0	Energy International	49·4	52·8
63·5	51·6	Energy Intnl Acc.	52·7	56·5
171·6	92·2	Extra Income	106·5	*116·0
198·4	151·7	Accum.	153·0	165·7
267·1	165·5	Income	255·1	*267·1
357·1	243·3	Accum.	343·3	357·1
279·5	279·0	Intnl. Tech. Unit Tst.	154·4	167·2
176·7	142·5	Intl. Tech. Fin'l Tst. Ac	162·2	175·4
97·6	73·8	Nth. Amer. & Gen.	87·8	93·8
97·8	73·7	Nth. Amer & Gen Acc	86·7	92·7
99·9	77·0	Pacific Basin Inc.	95·4	99·6
102·5	77·0	Pacific Basin Acc.	96·2	102·0
134·5	107·7	Small Co's & Recov.	124·8	133·4
147·7	117·1	Small Co's & Rec Acc	137·0	146·5
157·6	123·5	Worldwide Growth	144·4	*154·8
217·9	174·5	Accum.	200·9	214·8
MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT.				
284·4	201·9	MLA Units	260·2	*264·1
38·6	30·0	MLA International	38·5	38·6
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LIMITED				
97·9	83·4	Gilt & Fix. Interest	90·4	92·2
78·4	53·8	Growth	54·8	58·2
88·3	70·6	Int. Growth Unit Tst.	82·8	88·0
MARLBOROUGH COURT FUND MANAGERS LTD.				
116·5	94·5	Equity Inc	108·0	115·5
124·5	101·0	International	114·5	122·0
McANALLY FUND MNGMENT LTD				
45·7	38·4	Delphi Income Trust	40·7	45·5
75·8	60·3	Delphi Income Acc.	71·2	75·8
127·6	103·5	Glen Fund Inc.	119·9	127·6
205·9	168·3	Glen Fund Acc.	192·5	205·9
MENCAP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
101·3	80·8	Mencap	94·7	*100·7
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS				
78·0	57·5	Amerlcom Growth	69·8	74·8
187·1	131·9	Mercury Gen. Dist.	175·6	187·1
254·1	205·9	Mercury Gen. Acc.	248·3	264·1
83·9	73·3	Mercury Gilt Fd.	78·4	*79·1
185·6	144·6	Mercury Intnl. Dist.	178·4	*185·5
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JOHN McENERY ARGUES THAT NATIONALISATION AND PLANNING AGREEMENTS HAVE NOW FINALLY BEEN DISCREDITED

Industrial policy and the miners' strike

ONLY a rash individual would try to predict all the political effects of the miners' strike. But it is certain that two concepts which have dominated Labour party industrial thinking for many years have at last gone into the dustbin of history. We can say farewell to nationalisation and planning agreements as viable policies.

Mr Scargill led his miners to strike on the *proposition* that no pit with workable reserves should be closed, even though it could not be operated economically. Had he trusted his *members with a ballot*, he might well have had majority support for this proposition.

Despite the picketing and the violence, there is no doubt that *many miners still* support it. They are subscribing to the argument that coal mining, whose sole commercial justification is to supply the market for energy, *should* not be subject to the laws of the market.

In effect, they are claiming that their jobs should be subsidised by taxpayers, many of whom *earn considerably less* than themselves.

Mr Scargill also announces with relish, to the approval of many miners, how much the strike is *costing the Coal* Board and the country. His supporters have shown no concern over the long-term damage to the market for coal, nor have they been deflected by the costly loss of coal faces and equipment, their industry's capital assets. Some indeed have deliberately vandalised Coal Board property.

How is it that such a high proportion of miners, many the salt of the earth, can think and act thus in a way inconceivable for *employees* in a private enterprise company? Although in the past the latter have been manipulative, their primary and legitimate concern has been their *share of the profits* that their employer makes.

Even in the face of redundancies, they have never seriously argued that their company should be run indefinitely at a loss. Nor have they crowed over the financial damage being done to their employer by a strike or put his production assets at risk.

This difference between the workers in private enterprise and the miners derives from the fact *that the former are* exposed to the discipline of the market. They know that their employers can go bust with the consequent loss of their own jobs.

In contrast, the post-war nationalisation of the mines, designed to improve their labour relations, removed from the mining industry the need to compete successfully in the market.

Inevitably many miners came to perceive this and to have their views conditioned by it. Behind the Coal Board stood the Exchequer and under sufficinet duress the Exchequer could always be made to pay up.

Even in the present strike, where the Exchequer has dug its heels in, striking miners know that they will pay no penalty for their attack on the viability of their own industry. Their loss of pay while on strike is not a penalty but a self-inflicted wound. If the strike fails, the generous redundancy payments will still be on offer, funded by a Government which will also finance a bankrupt Coal Board to exploit economic pits.

It is thus the complete absence of the deterrence of possible failure in the market place which lies at the heart of the insensate behaviour of Mr Scargill and his striking miners. But that lack of deterrence is integral to the concept of a nationalised coal industry.

Another extraordinary element in the miners' strike in the argumentation between the two sides about the precise meaning of the text of the 1974 PLAN FOR COAL, as subsequently amended. It is as if this planning agreement were holy writ for all time.

Extracts are prayed in aid by Mr Scargill as if they override economic reality and exclude any adjustment to economic change. It is hair-raising to recall that 1974 Labour government saw such planning agreements as a major instrument of industrial policy and sought to embroil private sector companies in them.

Fortunately they failed. Had they succeeded, the seeds of labour disputes on a par with the bitterness of the miners' strike might well have been sewn in major private sector companies rendered impotent *to cope with unforeseen economic* change.

None of this argues against the exchange of information and the fullest consultation between management and workers. Both are clearly essential. But the miners' strike has irrefutably established that the irresponsible structure inherent *in nationalisation and the rigi*dities of planning agreements are recipes for malignant labour conflict and industrial disaster. It is back to the drawing board *for the Labour party if it is* ever to present a credible industrial policy.

J. H. McEnery, a former Under Secretary in the Department of Industry, is the author of "Manufacturing Two Nations" (Institute of Economic Affairs), and a conflict analyst.

THE QUESTOR COLUMN

More warmth in Woolies

ROSEHAUGH knows a good thing when it sees it. Baxtergate Investment Co., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Rosehaugh, has exercised an option to buy £2·36 million of convertible loan stock at par in that old high street dreadnought Woolworth Holdings.

Rosehaugh is clearly gambling that the revived Woolworth group, with its 850 high street sites and almost 8·5 million sq. ft of selling area, is capable of maintaining its recovery.

There is plenty of scope for it to do so. The company is only 18 months into the famous Beckett *seven-year recovery* plan. Current year profit expectations are around £48 million before tax against £29·4 million.

The current year profits forecast suggests £25·5 million of profits from the B & Q do-it-yourself chain and £11 million from Comet, with overseas interests chipping in just £1 million. Against that is set an anticipated £6 million loss from the traditional Woolworth high street chain.

Considering the efforts of the new management that last figure is dismal, but it should be remembered that conservative accounting principles now *relegate a hefty chunk of profits* from the high street sites to internal rental income and this should be around £45·5 million.

The present Woolworth man*agement continues to regard the* traditional sites as primarily property assets rather than trading sites, and further disposals are bound to take place. But that should not obscure the fact that there *remains plenty of* recovery potential in these sites.

Indeed, continual growth at B & Q and Comet, plus high street recovery, could push the 1985-86 profits up to £85 million.

That expectation is vulnerable to any sudden switches in consumer spending, but there is no getting away from the fact that Woolworth shares are looking interesting again.

Moreover, the company has learned to live with high gearing and, undeterred by debts of £309 million against shareholders' funds of £465 million, it is ready for further acquisitions.

Stick with Ellis & Everard

IMPERIAL Chemical Industries' love affair with Ellis & Everard goes on, and so should that of other investors, given the company's *strong interim profit* performance and encouraging prospects.

At £1·87 million pre-tax for the six *months* to October 31 *against £1·16 million, the group* has earned more than in all of its 1983 financial year, and year-end estimates must now be upgraded.

Growth has come from both sides of the Atlantic with the merchanting division at home continuing to be the major profit centre, and with both the new and the old United States *acquisitions gaining further* ground.

Prillaman Company acquired last July for $6·5 million has already made a contribution to help Ellis & Everard's United States interests account for roughly one quarter of disclosed operating profit, against *a 15 p.c. contribution last year.* Now that areas and products have been identified further United States deals can be expected.

The group's fine chemicals and export divisions also performed well, and there will be more (though modest) currency gains in the second half.

Overall, the group appears fairly recession proof, but even if the rate of profits growth slows £5·65 million pre-tax looks *in sight after £2·6 million in* 1984 and earlier estimates of £3·5 million.

The company is still liquid in the United Kingdom after last year's rights issue, and gearing at the half way stage is a manageable 30 p.c.

Prospects have clearly been recognised by the *market*—the shares have come up strongly from 157p last June and were 17p higher yesterday at 237p, where the prospective price *earnings ratio* is 17.

The scope for further advance is limited short term, but ICI, holding 26 p.c., and others should still sit tight.

Tomkins set for upgrading

LOW technology, mature industries and little downside risk. That is the theme of F. H. Tomkins' expansion policy—and why not, it is one which has worked well for BTR and Hanson Trust, where, incidentally, the chief executive of Tomkins did his basic training.

Interim profits to October 31 have jumped from £558,000 to £1·3 million, which reflects the benefits of the group's philosophy. Little of that growth stems from increased volume: most of it comes from contained costs and improved efficiencies.

Of the most recent acquisitions Hayters, the grass cutting machinery manufacturer, has contributed nothing, and will not make much impression on the full year. But Ferrari's Piston Service, acquired in *January 1984, has made a good* contribution.

It will take sometime before Hayters is brought up to scratch. It is currently returning no more *than 10 p.c. on capital employed,* compared with Tomkins' overall return last year of 31 p.c.

But the group should be back on the acquisition trail before the end of the year, not necessarily pursuing any specific theme other than that of spotting under-utilised earnings potential.

That realisation could ginger up the share price of Howard machinery, in which through Hayters the company has acquired a 21 p.c. stake and has gained entry to its boardroom.

But there is bound to be plenty of interest this year in the shares of Tomkins itself. Current year profits should be between £4·5 million and £5 million pre-tax, providing the shares at 145p with a bottom of the range earnings multiple of 12·8, which must be set for at least four points of upgrading.

John Beckett, chairman of Woolworth . . . major profit contributions from acquisitions.

European car makers 'must shed more jobs'

By ROLAND GRIBBEN

EUROPEAN motor vehicle manufacturers need to shed another 250,000 jobs over the five years to 1988 as part of a structural shakeup to wipe out losses and improve viability, says a report out today.

Companies may also have to increase assembly in lower cost production centres outside Europe and opt for more joint ventures with Japanese manufacturers.

The industry overall last year lost money for the fifth year in a row with the total deficit well over £600 million, according to estimates made by the report's authors D R I Europe, part o fthe international forecasting group and East Anglia University's Motor Industry Research Unit.

The report maintains there are few short-term signs of a return to financial health. European vehicle sales last year are estimated to have dropped by 2 p.c. amid tough pricing competition and are unlikely to grow at more than 1·5 p.c. a year in the decade overall.

Foreign manufacturers are expected to take a bigger share of the market and domestic output is likely to remain flat.

A combination of policy changes involving a reduction in exhaust pollution, shorter working week and capital spending running at £1·8 billion a year means the industry will be saddled with a bigger debt burden which *will make it* equipped to cope with the next downturn.

Th ereport says that national jobs and the industrial base have added significantly to over capacity and hindered the ability of companies to produce profits.

The industry's breakeven point is estimated at 11 million vehicles a year but the report argues that with increasing automation the industry is still heavily over manned.

The authors maintain that unless there is a rapid revival of demand or a major increase in prices the industry will continue in the red and need a bigger subsidy from governments or shareholders.

They forecast that low-cost overseas production of 800,000 cars a year by 1991 and increased assembly of Japanese licensed vehicles of about 200,000 a year by the end of the decade would go a long way to making the industry "leaner and fitter."

The dollar is a critical element in the industry's finances. A collapse in the dollar would damage prestige manufacturers such as Jaguar, Daimler Benz, BMW and Volvo.

American-style control forecast by M&G chief

BRITAIN could be forced to adopt an American-style Securities and Exchange Commision after next year's Stock Exchange "*big bang*," claims M & G Group chairman Andrew Caldecott in his latest report to shareholders.

The opposition of M & G and its managing director David Hopkinson to the City's financial revolution has been stated before, but Mr Caldecott is now casting doubts on the effectiveness of the proposed self-regulatory body.

Mr Caldecott expresses concern at the conflicts of interest —*which* he compares with those at Lloyd's—arising when one body can lend, advise, underwrite, make markets, manage funds, undertake investment research and act asr. broker.

Supporters of the financial revolution say that such a system works in the United States, but Mr Caldecott points out that America has its S E C, plus legislation to separate the functions of commercial banks and investment banks.

"But I feel that ultimately we may be driven to the creation of an S E C. This would destroy a great deal of the *flexibility* and swiftness of action which have always been the City's hallmarks."

COMPANIES

Asprey

ASPREY and Co, the Bond Street and Fifth Avenue jeweller, has followed a record year by pushing first half pre-tax profits on from £3·02m to a new peak of £3·298m, though as anticipated *turnover was down—from £15·8m* to £15·2m.

Current trading is buoyant and the group is expecting that full year results will compare favourably with last time's £6·21m pre-tax.

Earnings are up by 1·55p to 27·88p and the interim dividend is being raised by 1p to 7p on Jan. 28.

A G Barr

COMPETITIVE conditions plus uneven economic conditions in Britain made it extremely difficult for A. G. Barr to obtain increased sales at a reasonable profit margin in the year to Oct. 27. On static turnover of £34·7m (£34·8m), pre-tax profits slipped from last year's peak of £3·59m to £3·17m.

Earnings are back from 34·51p to 31·19p, but the dividend is being lifted to 7·5p (6·75p) with a 5·75p final of April 9.

The summer weather was above average but the advantage was restricted by the lack of exceptional temperatures of July and August in 1983. The effect of he miners' strike on soft drinks sales in specific areas was also a factor.

Turnover in the current year, meanwhile, is very marginally ahead.

Berkeley Hay Hill

THE new board of property *group Berkeley and Hay Hill* Investments has weighed in with a lower first half loss—down from £187,000 pre-tax to £125,000 after a £27,000 drop in the interest charge—and an extraordinary profit of £252,000 (nil), being increase in value of property.

The figures are up to end-June and since then the group has acquired Fitzgerald Enterprises *and made a £1·7m rights issue,* which have reduced borrowings and significantly increased the size of the property portfolio.

The rights has met with a mixed response with acceptances in respect of 14·1m shares and the balance of 6·4m being taken up by the underwriters. These are directors Clive Smith and David Fitzgerald, who together with their family interests were the vendors to the company of substantially all the share capital of Fitzgerald.

Carclo Engineering

CARCLO Engineering Group, which in July fully restored in one move its dividend in real terms to 1979 levels as reorganisation benefits flowed through to profits, now reports a first half advance from £1·09m to a new high of £1·396m.

Earnings are 3·7p up at 14·5p and holders again benefit, for *there is a 3·5p (2·6p) interim on* Feb. 22 and the promise of a final of not less than 6p (same).

Profits were up in both Britain and Europe but down in India, reflecting a continuation of the improved profitability following the record order intake in the third quarter of 1983-84. The order book remains at a high level.

Stone International

SYSTEMS engineering concern Stone International has made its *first acquisition since obtaining a* full London listing last October, a move which will significantly boost its energy systems division.

Stone, created out of the electrical *division* of the crashed Stone Platt group, has acquired the businesses and the majority of assets of Danks of Netherton and Danks International from *their receivers for £1·2m cash.*

No accounts have been published for the businesses acquired since June 30, 1983, but in the year to that date their combined turnover was more than £8m.

Phoenix Properties

MOVES to unseat the two executive *directors of Phoenix Properties* and Finance, Ronald Brooks and Michael Allen, were defeated on a show of hands at yesterday's requisitioned extraordinary general meeting.

IN BRIEF

Bristol Stadium.—First half pre-tax profit £71,800 (£160,500). Turnover £664,700 (£765,500), net receipts £8,100 loss (£76,800 profit). Investment income £91,700 (£95,200). Eps 0·012p (0·025p). As usual, no interim dividend.

CHAIRMEN

Stockholders Investment Trust —Alan McLintock: Looking for *further if less spectacular rises in* earnings and dividends in current year.

Nottingham Brick—John Hall: First two months of current financial year saw a continuation of recent high levels of trading.

M and G Group—John Caldecott: Current year has begun well with buoyant stock markets and the successful launching of a new generation of contracts by the life assurance subsidiaries.

BIDS AND DEALS

Tanks–Plumer

TANKS Consolidated Investments is buying 25 p.c. of Lloyd's broker *John Plumer & Company as part* of its diversification into financial services. Plumer was founded in November 1979 and pre-tax profit for the year to end-April 1984 were £1·1m with the current year forecast to be "substantially higher."

W. Canning, through its American subsidiary, has acquired True Fit Dental Studio Inc. for $550,000 (£306,000) cash, of which $120,000 represents goodwill. True Fit made $150,000 pre-tax on sales of $300,000 in the *seven months* to Nov. 30.

Halma has acquired 95·9 p.c. of MAB (Services) for £715,000, to be satisfied by the issue of Halma ordinary shares. A maximum additional payment of £500,000 will be due if profits of MAB, a specialist microfilming bureau, equal or exceed £300,000 in 1984-5.

Havelock Europa has bought Joseph and William Henderson, Glasgow-based shopfitters, for £110,000 cash.

Turriff Corporation has paid £625,000 cash for a 49 p.c. stake in Engineering Support Services, with an option to acquire the balance in three years time at a profits-related price. ESS's net assets at July 31 were £500,000 and pre-tax profits for the year to that date £430,000.

Whittington International Holdings is to acquire land at Picketts Lock, Edmonton, North London, valued at about £180,000, to be satisfied by 571,400 Whittington Ordinary shares and £50,000 cash.

NEW LIFE BUSINESS

Scottish Amicable Life Assurance: Individual new annual premiums in Britain £60·2m (£50·1m); single premium £71·9m (£60·5m). Total group and managed fund revenue £285m (£196m).

Britannic Assurance. Ordinary branch new annual premiums £6·397m (£7·22m), single premiums and annuity considerations £380,000 (£359,000). New sums assured £209·5m (£242·5m) and annuities, immediate and deferred £2·77m (£1·42m) per annum. New single premiums £2·72m (£1·15m) in respect of unit linked business. Industrial (home service branch) new annual premiums £25·02m (£24·5m) for sums assured £395·1m (£455·5m).

Refuge Assurance: Ordinary branch — annual premiums £4·69m (£5·19m); single premiums £240,000 (£467,000); sums assured £126m (£151m); annuities per annum £2·39m (£1·57m). Industrial branch — premiums £12·5m gross (£12·8m); sums assured £139m (£147m). Unit-linked — annual premiums £350,000 (£152,000); single premiums £15·8m (£4·38m); sums assured £19m (£6·19m).

Provident Life Association: Total new annual premiums £5·4m (£5·65m), new single premiums £4·52m (£3·85m).

Life Association of Scotland: New premium income £88·6m (£44m); new annual premiums £11·8m (£9·4m); new single premiums £76·8m (£54·6m).

MONEY & EXCHANGES

Pound still out in cold

FEARS grew yesterday that bank base rates will have to rise by at least 1 p.c. to 10½ p.c. this week as the pound continued to fall on foreign exchange markets.

The pound was hit by a further surge in the popularity of the dollar and gained only temporary relief from the weather-induced rise in spot oil prices.

By the close, the pound had lost nearly a cent against the dollar at $1·1445 against $1·1538 over the weekend. Its value against the mark and other major currencies also slipped, thus reducing its average international value by 0·5 points to 72·6.

In London money markets, the cost of wholesale funds for periods of one month or more rose by ¼ p.c. taking the key three-month interbank rate to 10 7/16 p.c.

But the Bank of England re*fused to give a lead on interest* rates, buying roughly £1·5 billion of bills from the discount market at established rates as part of its daily open market operations.

THE POUND ABROAD

	7-1-85	Prev. close
Austria	28.62—.56	28.61—.64
Belgium*	72.70—.80	72.98—73.06
Canada	1.5129—.5147	1.5218—.5226
Denmark	12.9597—.9739	13.0298—.0459
France	11.1180—.1334	11.1595—.1805
Germany W	3.6348—.6591	3.6496—.6559
Holland	4.1043—.1101	4.1173—.1245
Ireland	1.1600—.1660	1.1660—.1720
Italy	2229.89—2234.00	2258.56—2242.20
Japan	292.89—293.82	291.90—292.97
Norway	10.4826—.5042	10.5314—.5520
Portugal	195.80—197.11	198.64—199.12
Spain	200.16—.44	201.08—.57
Sweden	10.3720—.3868	10.4165—.4331
Switzerland	3.0285—.0329	3.0374—.0318
Utd. States	1.1440—.1450	1.1528—.1543

* Convertible rate.

Effective Sterling Exchange Rate Index
NOON 72·5 (72·8) CLOSE 72·6 (72·9)
(Base 1975 = 100)

OTHER MARKET RATES

Argentina	Peso 208.65—208.99
Australia	$A1.4210—1.4320
Brazil	Cruzeiro 3689.60—3711.14
Cyprus	£0.7448—0.7496
Finland	Markka 7.58—7.56
Greece	Drachma 146.60—149.55
Hong Kong	HK$ 8.9230—8.9350
India	Rupee 14.3857
Iran*	Dinar 0.3569—0.3587
Kuwait	Dinar 0.3475—0.3515
Malaysia	Ringgit 2.8150—2.8250
Saudi Arabia	Ryal 4.08½—4.12½
Singapore	$S 2.5180—2.5260
South Africa	Rand 2.3955—2.4059
United Arab Emirates	Dirham 4.1760—4.2160

* Subject to limit.

DOLLAR RATES

	7-1-85	Prev. close
France	9·7125	9·6825
Germany	3·1720	3·1710
Switzerland	2·4440	2·4350
Japan	254·95	253·20
Trade weighted ave.	146·05	145·06

EUROCURRENCIES

DOLLARS:
7 days 8¼—8⅝ | 1 month 8¼—8⅜
3 months 8 7/16—8 9/16 | 6 months 8 15/16—9 1/16

MARKS:
7 days 5½—5⅝ | 1 month 5½—5⅝
3 months 5½—5⅝ | 6 months 5 9/16—5 11/16

SWISS FRANCS:
7 days 3½—4 | 1 month 4⅛—4⅞
3 months 4¼—4⅞ | 6 months 4¼—4⅞

FORWARD RATES

The forward rates for currencies for one month and three months are as follows:

Austria	6½—4½ Grm. dis	19¼-16 Grm. pm
Belgium	5—8 c. dis	3—12 c. dis
Canada	.08 c. pm—.03 c. pm	0.18—0.10 c. pm
Denmark	2¼—2¾ Ore dis	6½—7¾ Ore dis
France	⅝—1 1/16 c. dis	1—2½ c. dis
Germany W	1½—1¼ Pfg pm	4¼—3¾ Pfg pm
Holland	1⅜—1⅛ c. pm	4½—4⅛ c. pm
Italy	7—10 Lire dis	19—24 Lire dis
Japan	1⅛—⅞ Yen pm	2⅞—2⅝ Yen pm
Norway	2½—3¼ Ore dis	6½—7¾ Ore dis
Portugal	50—110 c. dis	715—1695 c. dis
Spain	40—70 c. dis	105—160 c. dis
Sweden	⅛—1½ Ore pm	3—3⅝ Ore dis
Switzerland	1½—1⅛ c. pm	4½—3⅝ c. pm
Utd. States	0.16—0.14 c. pm	0.47—0.44 c. pm

GOLD PRICE

1st Fix $295·75	2nd Fix $298·25
Close $296·50	($301·50)
Sterling Equiv. £259·06	(£261·53)

KRUGERRANDS*

£256·00—£512·50 (£258·00—£515·25)

PLATINUM NOBLES

£242·65—£245·46 (£245·65—£248·55)

NEW SOVEREIGNS*

£57·50—£76·29 (£58·00—£78·00)

* Banks selling rate includes VAT and charges. Buying rate excludes VAT. Prices are for single coins.

MONEY MARKET RATES
(per cent.)

CLEARING BANKS Base Rate 9½-9¾ Nov 19
FINANCE HOUSES Base Rate 10pc (Jan. 2)
DISCOUNT MKT.:
Day-to-Day 6—11

ESTERBANK:	Overnight 8½
7 days 9 1/16—9¼	1 month 9 5/16—9 1/16
3 months 10⅛—10 7/16	6 months 10½—10⅜
LOCAL AUTHORITY DEPOSITS:	
Two days 9	Seven days 9
One month 9¼	Three months 9¼
BANK BILLS:	1 month 9¼—10
3 months 9¼—10	6 months 9 13/16—10 1/16
TREAS. BILLS:	1 month 9 1/16—9⅝
2 months 9 3/16—9½	3 months 9 3/16—9 1/16
STERLING C.DS.:	1 month 9 15/16—10 1/16
3 months 10¼—10⅛	1 year 10 1/16—10⅜
DOLLAR C.DS.:	1 month 8.20—8.30
3 months 8.50—8.40	1 year 9.60—9.70

The Wellcome Foundation Limited

Extracts from the review by the Chairman, Mr A. J. Shepperd, for the year ended 25th August 1984.

Group results – Group turnover increased by 20% to £806m, compared with £674m for the previous year. Nearly 90% of the turnover was outside the UK. Group profit before taxation on a historic cost basis was £89.5m compared with £61.2m, an advance of 46%. The main improvement in the group's overall profit arose from a substantial increase in the results of our subsidiary in the USA where the introduction of new products contributed significantly.

Finance – The group's finances continue in a strong position. At the year end, net borrowings amounted to 22% of *shareholders' funds, which is unchanged from* last year.

Capital expenditure – During the year our capital expenditure programme totalled £58m. Expenditure in the USA amounted to £28m, of which £10m was for buildings which have been acquired near our existing office and research facilities at Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. Capital expenditure in the UK amounted to £21m. A notable part of this was for the new pharmaceutical development laboratory at Dartford, now nearing completion.

Animal health – We reached agreement during the year with ICI PLC to merge our respective worldwide animal health operations. The new business, which came into being in October 1984 and is known as Coopers Animal Health, will constitute a major force and a strongly competitive element in the world animal health market.

Operations – the launching of "Zovirax" has continued in world markets during the year, thus continuing the recognition of this product as a major contribution to the treatment of herpes infections. The first launch of our new muscle relaxant "Tracrium" was made in December 1982 in the UK and was followed this year by its launch in the USA. Its reception by anaesthesiologists has been most encouraging and it has quickly become a market leader. The other major new product introduced this year in the USA was "Wellcovorin" tablets, the first oral form calcium leukeran antidote to the toxic effects of certain cancer therapies.

Summary of the financial statements	1984 £m	1983 £m
Turnover	806	674
Exports from the UK	150	128
Research and development expenditure	97	81
Profit before taxation	89	61
Taxation	41	23
Distributions to shareholders	17	14
Profit retained in the business	29	24
Capital expenditure	58	38
Shareholders' funds	420	367
Employees	18,608	18,645

Note: The results shown above are an abridged version of the audited financial statements which contain an unqualified audit report. They have not yet been delivered to the registrar of companies.

Research and development – Our total expenditure on research and development amounted to £97m representing 12% of group turnover for the year.

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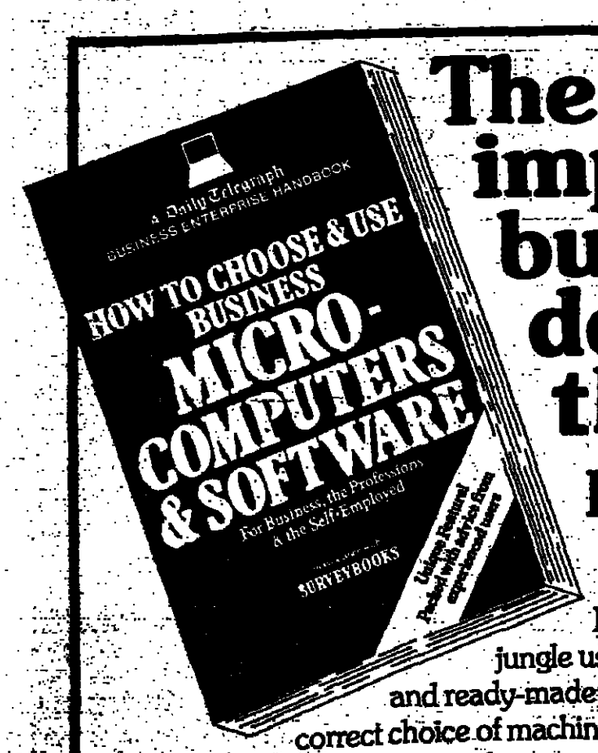

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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Doubts over rent dispute arbitration

By BRUCE KINLOCH

THERE was a dramatic increase in the number of rent reviews referred to arbitration during 1984, confirming the trend of the previous three years. This conflict between landlords and tenants stems from three broad reasons.

Economic factors like inflation, recession and rapid value changes, the concertina effect of shortening review intervals and a spate of legislation leading to awareness of technicalities of leases having increased the complexity of valuations and widened the scope for differing viewpoints.

The sharp increase in demand for arbitrators has led to the net being cast wider afield, and inevitably questions have been asked as to the capacity of the arbitration service of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Successive presidents of the Institution have taken steps to ensure that members are kept abreast of the situation. There has been considerable input from working members and a continuing review is taking place.

The time may have come for a separate examination to be introduced for arbitrators. One of the problems is that it is a peripheral activity to surveyors, who have little or no formal training in the subject.

According to Graham Plumbe, a partner of Gooch & Wagstaff, who is an experienced arbitrator, self-education is essential to achieve a good working knowledge, both of the law relating to rent reviews and also of arbitration procedures.

The RICS has tended to adopt a secretive attitude over the way in which it appoints arbitrators. Although a list is in existence it is not published and as a result the recent explosion in the number of appointments has understandably led to concern in some quarters.

There has been no such reticence on the part of the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers, which not only publishes a list of available arbitrators but also produces a model review clause under which the society seeks to secure the appointment of its members.

Mr Plumbe said yesterday: "The list has the advantage of showing the fields of valuation in which the candidates practise, but, compiled as it is of self-nominations, there is very little safeguard as to the competence of those named.

"This is particularly important as competence is very largely derived from experience and virtually all appointments to date have been made by the RICS of its own members.

"To a large extent, therefore, experience can only be found in the ISVA list to the degree that the candidates are also chartered surveyors."

Mr Plumbe believes that the model lease of the ISVA has some merit, but he claims that it appears to have been created by lawyers rather than valuers and certain features have been universally condemned as creating more problems than they solve.

He cites the clause which states that a "fair allowance" should be made for all tenant improvements to leased property. "How do you arrive at what is fair?" asks Mr Plumbe.

Apart from want of formal training, arbitration also lacks an efficient reporting system such as is practised in the courts.

Parties who resort to arbitration must therefore recognise not only that they are in the hands of fallible human beings but also that consistency cannot be guaranteed.

Rent reviews that are arbitrated usually involve complex issues where there is no "right" answer, and entrenched positions are commonly taken on narrow points. It is for this reason that there are few winners at arbitration and why awards are often seen as "spliting the difference" when in fact compromise results from the broad view that an arbitrator can take of polarised attitudes.

Mr Plumbe says that if the limitations of the arbitration system were recognised by more parties more disputes would be settled.

It is a curious fact that relatively untrained individuals are responsible for deciding not only issues of law but also for settling rents payable over a number of years at levels which in the legal arena would be certain fodder for the House of Lords.

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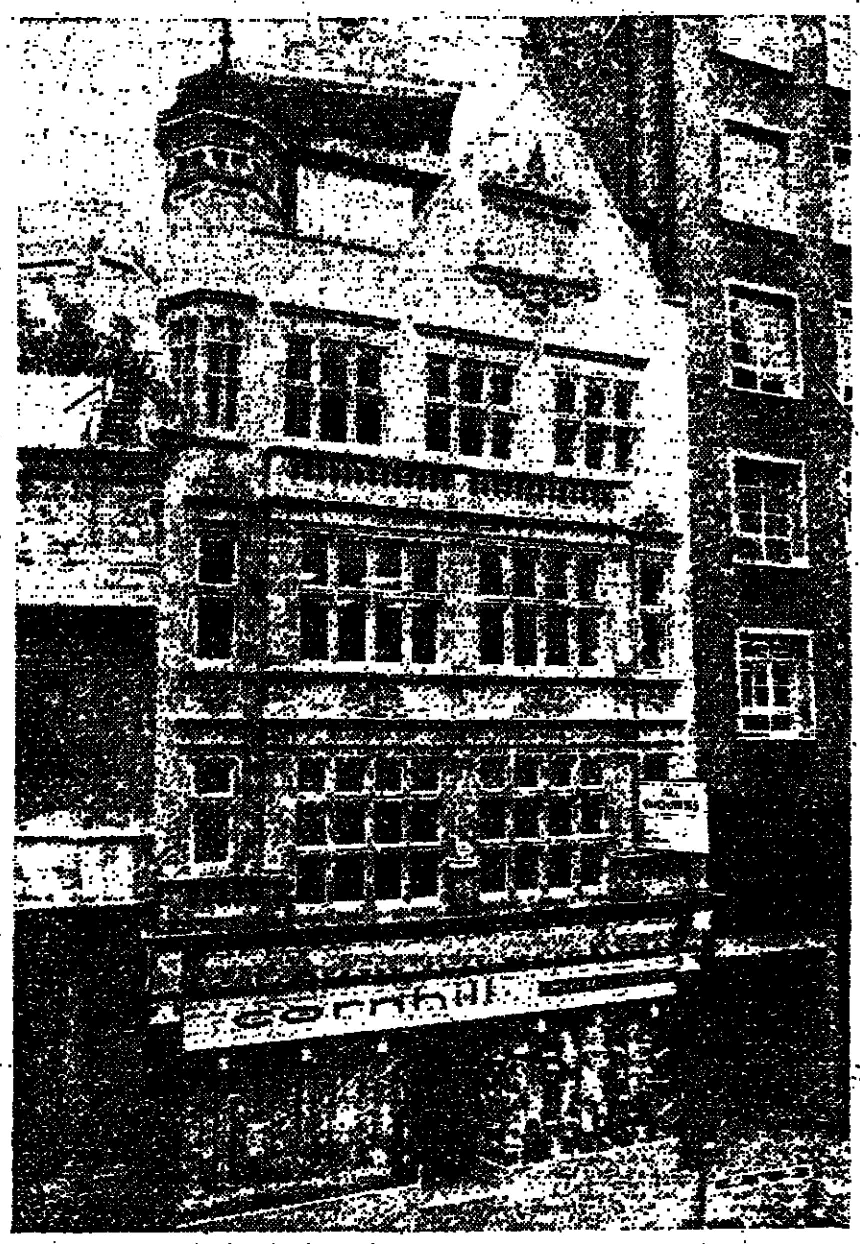
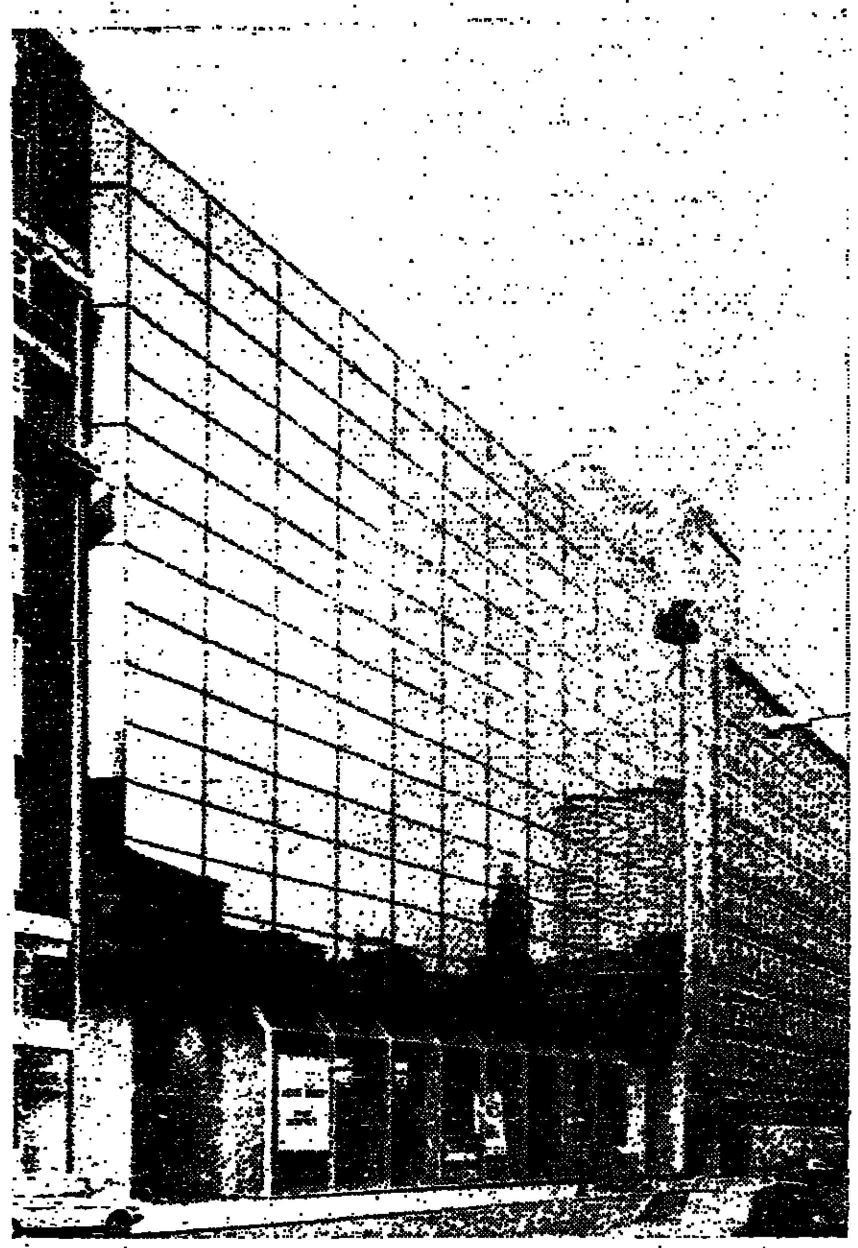
IN ONE of the most significant deals in Bristol's shopping scene for several years, the Burton group has bought numbers 56, 58 and 60 Broadmead.



LEADING City estate agents Baker Harris Saunders obtained a rent of £30 a sq. ft for Crusader Insurance on the refurbished offices at 54 Cornhill, EC3 (left). The self-contained air-conditioned offices of 1,275 sq. ft have been let to the Thomas Cook group, which will use building to relocate its foreign banknote operation from Gracechurch Street. A new 20-year lease has been signed at a starting rent of £38,000 a year.



ALTON HOUSE Holdings has completed its office development known as Alton House, at 174-177 High Holborn, WC1 (Right) and it is now on the letting market through Michael Laurie & Partners and Weatherall Green & Smith at a total rent of £690,000 a year, which equates to £16·50 a sq. ft. Clad in curtain walling and built to the most up-to-date energy conserving specification, the 41,800 sq. ft. development includes seven floors of air-conditioned offices with showroom space at the ground and mezzanine floors. The development and leasing consultant was James Andrew & Partners and the architect Michael Newberry. It is estimated that the occupier will save some 70 p.c. on normal running costs through energy conservation.

ARBUTHNOT TOPS PARIS OFFICE DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

ARBUTHNOT Properties, headed by Martin Myers and CIPRIM, a French property company run by former Jones Lang Wootton partner Miles D'Arcy-Irvine, must be rated as the most successful developer in Paris in 1984.

Just a year ago the partners acquired three adjoining office buildings at the Place d'Iena and started refurbishment. A great deal of planning and design work was carried out before the developers obtained possession of the complex.

By September the first of the buildings had been sold to the Bank Wedge for its own occupation. The second was fully pre-let to the Schneider Industrial Holding group at an annual rent of F2,125 a sq. metre (£19·12 a sq. ft). It was subsequently sold to a privately-owned French investment group represented by the Paris office of Hamptons.

Now the last building has been sold to Rodamco, the Dutch property investment fund which is part of the Robeco group, at a yield believed to be below 6·5 p.c., low for Paris offices.

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ALTHOUGH Scottish Amicable Pension Investments bought what Jones Lang Wootton described as a "highly reversionary" shop investment in Huddersfield at a yield of 0·55 p.c. it was not the highest bidder for that property.

I understand that other investors were willing to pay even more for the shop than the £640,000.

Pressure on prime City space

THE SHORTAGE of available sites within the central core of the City is resulting in a number of applications for planning permission to rebuild offices behind existing facades, which are in many cases listed as being of architectural or historic interest.

Typical of these projects is the application by Standard Chartered Bank to build 180,500 sq. ft of offices behind the existing listed facades of 9-13 Clements Lane and 73-79 King William Street, E.C.5.

Architects Fitzroy Robinson have asked the City planners for permission to demolish the existing building's interior of 155,500 sq. ft and replace it with modern air-conditioned offices suitable for occupation by an international company.

As well as the normal planning application the Bank will require specific listed building consent before work can be started and this is a major obstacle as the final decision rests with the Department of the Environment.

Elsewhere in the City Equitable Life Assurance Society has applied to the City planners through agents Walker Son & Packman for permission to rebuild numbers 2-3 Philpot Lane, E.C.2.

This is only a listed building application. The property is on the Grade One list where it is described as a seventeenth century merchants house. Total office space is 14,000 sq. ft. and Equitable wants to add an additional floor of 1,500 sq. ft.

While on the face of it there seems to be little likelihood of this application being approved it will stir up the muddy pool of the listing system. Equitable will argue that far from being a seventeenth century merchants house the present structure dates back only to the early 19th century.

There are a great many listed buildings in the City but few are Grade one which is reserved for exceptional properties. Most are in the Grade II category.

Property owners in the City are becoming increasingly aware that unless their buildings are maintained to a high standard they stand the risk of losing tenants and rental income.

But whether we should tear our best listed buildings into bits to achieve the desired effect is another question.

Speyhawk in Covent Garden

SPEYHAWK has agreed terms to fund its £4 million 12,250 sq. ft. air-conditioned office project in Covent Garden, WC2, through Weatherall Green & Smith.

The group now anticipates that work on the development will begin shortly with completion in the Autumn of 1986.

The new building fronting the Piazza and adjoining Jubilee Hall, will form part of the overall development by Speyhawk comprising a market hall with more than 100 stalls, a sports hall and 28 flats.

Clients of Kleinwort Benson Management are providing the funding.

BankAmerica disposal

BANKAMERICA Finance, part of the Bank of America group, is to dispose of a £50 million pool of its British residential mortgage book to Mortgage Intermediary Note Issuer (No. 1) Amsterdam (MINI). The consideration will be met by the issue of £50 million Mortgaged Backed Floating Rate Notes 2010 in the sterling Eurobond market.

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Sport... ON 3 PAGES

ENGLAND MAKE MARTIN THEIR 28th NEW CAP

By JOHN MASON

CHRIS MARTIN, popularly believed to be the fittest player in English club rugby, is to be England's next full-back. He replaces the injured Nick Stringer for the match against Ireland in Dublin on Saturday week.

Martin, 23, a former student at Bath University, is a new cap — the 28th in less than a year. Since Feb. 4 England have called upon 51 players in nine matches — figures which include the match to be played at Landsdowne Road.

No other changes have been made in the team which gained a much-needed victory over Rumania last Saturday, though there will be an alteration among the replacements. Huw Davies has been left out and for the present A. N. Other stands in.

There is a squad training at Bisham Abbey, Marlow, this weekend and Davies, who came on for Kevin Simms against Rumania to win his 15th cap, is among the 35 players who have been nominated.

In addition to a reserve for each position, a utility back (Davies), a centre and a prop have been chosen. The squad is not sacro sanct. It never has been and at times, as demonstrated last week, promotions are made from outside.

Among many other things, the Bisham weekend will permit the selectors to reassess who covers who behind the scrum besides re-assuring themselves that Simms is match fit. He went off on Saturday because of blurred vision.

Jolting tackle

The knock came in a jolting tackle that Simms made on a Rumanian threequarter. There have been medical assurances that he was not concussed, but it would be as well to be absolutely sure.

Presumably England have a centre, pure and simple, in mind as the replacement — perm any one of Jamie Salmon, Clive Woodward or Rob Lozowski, who will be joining Paul Dodge and Simms at Bisham. The other back replacements are Richard Hill and Stuart Barnes.

Derek Boyd (West Hartlepool) is the only newcomer to the squad: though that does seem a slight exaggeration. His neat reliability at fullback has been appreciated for a long time.

Like John Doubleday, Neil Mantell, David Cooke and Dodge, the new captain, Boyd was on England's Under-23 tour of Canada in 1977. David Sorrell got the "Saturday" place on that trip but Boyd pushed him hard.

Rees relieved

Amid their many tribulations, only some of which have been self-inflicted, the selectors learned yesterday that flank forward Gary Rees, who was replaced less than an hour before kick-off last Saturday, does not have appendicitis after all.

Further medical examination—Rees returned to his Chesterfield home by car with his parents—has indicated a minor problem only. So Rees will be at Bisham, though Cooke, the Harlequins captain, does stay on the open side.

Hugo MacNeill, whose style of play is akin to that of Martin, England's new full-back, might miss the international. He could not complete a club game at the weekend because of a groin strain. Ireland's reserve full-back is John Barry (Cork Constitution).

Though I cannot think that there was ever the slightest doubt, Wales have confirmed that Terry Holmes, back safe and sound from his first ski-ing holiday, is in the squad for the match against France on Saturday week. Holmes is also the likely captain.

It has been confirmed, too, that Steve Strydom, South Africa's leading referee, will have charge of the match in Paris, his first appointment in Europe. Mr Strydom, who also represents Orange Free State on the South African Rugby Board, will also take Scotland v Ireland on Feb. 2.

Chris Martin . . . for whom opportunity knocks in Dublin on Saturday week.

The Team

C. R. Martin (Bath), S. T. Smith (Wasps), K. G. Simms (Camb Univ), P. W. Dodge (capt.), R. Underwood (Leicester), C. R. Andrew (Camb Univ), R. M. Harding (Bristol), P. J. Blakeway (Gloucester), S. E. Brain (Coventry), G. S. Pearce (Northampton), J. Orwin (Gloucester), W. A. Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), J. P. Hall (Bath), D. H. Cooke (Harlequins), R. Hesford (Bristol).

Replacements: A. N. Other, S. Barnes (Bristol), R. J. Hill (Bath), A. Sheppard (Bristol), A. Simpson (Sale), M. Teague (Gloucester).

Additional squad: D. Boyd (West Hartlepool), D. M. Trick (Bath), J. L. B. Salmon (Harlequins), C. R. Woodward (Leicester), R. A. P. Lozowski (Wasps), J. Goodwin (Moseley), G. H. Davies (Wasps), G. J. Chilcott (Bath), J. Doubleday (Bristol), N. D. Mantell (Nottingham), N. C. Redman (Bath), G. W. Rees (Nottingham), C. J. S. Butcher (Harlequins).

Hall & Bloomfield deaths hit rowing

By GEOFFREY PAGE

THE deaths in a car accident in France of Graeme Hall, 38, the Olympic and Cambridge coach, and Sally Bloomfield, the Olympic double sculler, have shocked the rowing fraternity.

Both were in the British team for the 1984 Olympics. Hall as coach of the eight and Bloomfield as a double sculler. In 1980 Hall coached the British eight to a silver medal in the Moscow Olympics.

Sally Bloomfield, 28, a member of Thames Rowing Club, and Tideway Scullers, rowed in the British women's eight in the World Championships in 1981 and 1982, and was a late selection with Nonie Ray for the Olympic team but failed to reach the final.

Hall, despite having had rheumatic fever, rowed three times for Tiffin School in the Princess Elizabeth Cup at Henley. In 1966 he stroked Wallingford Rowing Club to the quarter-finals of the Thames Cup.

Lack of weight

Hall's ambition from his earliest years had been to row in the Boat Race. He had to contend with his lack of weight, but after stroking Goldie to win the "Little Boat Race" in his first year at Cambridge, 1967, he stroked Cambridge to victory in 1968 and 1969.

He joined the Tideway Scullers in an effort to gain an international cap but was unsuccessful.

However, with the advent of international lightweight championships, he saw his chance. Stroking a London RC lightweight-four, which included Dan Topolski, whom he had twice beaten in the Boat Race, he finished seventh in the World Championships in 1974, going on to win a silver medal in 1975.

Silver medal

The following year Hall switched to the lightweight eight, again winning a silver medal. Domestic problems and business commitments led him to give up active competition after this, but he continued in the sport as a coach.

He was one of the coaches of the successful 1973 Cambridge eight and was chief coach to Cambridge from 1981 to 1983, when his opposite number was Topolski and Oxford were successful on each occasion.

Last year, because of his commitments with the national squad, he relinquished his position at Cambridge, though he was again one of the coaches. At Lake Casitas he was unable to repeat his success with the Olympic eight, who finished fifth.

Hall was introspective and at times temperamental but he was a dedicated coach and he and Sally Bloomfield are sad losses to British rowing.

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Yachting

AWARD FOR COACH

By TONY FAIRCHILD

THE presentation today of the Yachtsman of the Year Award to Britain's three youth world champions, Stuart Childerley, Jason Belben, and Andrew Hemmings, and their coach, Jim Saltonstall, is a double honour.

First, the award, now in its 30th year, has never previously been won by such a group, and, it also acknowledges the impressive record of Saltonstall.

Since he was appointed the Royal Yachting Association's national racing coach, in 1977, Saltonstall's proteges have twice won the Youth World Championship and the Women's World Championship.

There have been numerous other successes, including world championships in such classes as the 420, and the unique achievement by Cathy Foster of being the first woman skipper in modern Olympics in 1984.

Miss Foster was joint runner-up with Jo Richards and Peter Allam, Olympic bronze medallists, and Round-the-World yachtsmen, John Ridgeway and Andy Briggs, for the award, decided by the Yachting Journalists' Association and sponsored by Domecq.

Single-handed success

Belben and Hemmings won the two-handed championship in 470s, in Auckland in December 1983, while Childerley had his single-handed success in a Laser in San Diego last August.

Belben and Hemmings, of Stokes Bay Sailing Club, also won the 420 World and British National Championships — open also to adults—in 1983 and the British Youth Championships in 1982 and 1983.

Childerley, of Staunton Harold Sailing Club, Leicester, also won the Laser Youth Championship in Sweden and the British Youth Championship in Torquay last year.

Such achievements have put Britain in the forefront of world youth sailing and are of particular credit to Saltonstall, whose special responsibilities when appointed to his post were the youth development programme and women's sailing.

Special training

The Royal Navy's sailing coach of two years before he was appointed by the RYA, Saltonstall introduced special winter training courses, which begin in January, with 60-70 per cent of the time being spent on the water.

Saltonstall's 1985 programmes will include a championship week for youth at Rutland Water during the first week of April.

"The aim will be to select a youth team for the World Championships in Switzerland in July and, says Saltonstall: "Victory for the third time in succession."

Rugby Union

MACNEIL DOUBT

Hugo Macneill, the Oxford full-back who is due to play for Ireland against England at Lansdowne Road on Saturday week, is under treatment for a groin strain and will have to prove his fitness to the selectors.

Boxing

Curry pledges to give Jones hot winter night

By KEN MAYS

DON CURRY, the Fort Worth welterweight, arrived in Britain yesterday quietly confident that he will still be WBA champion after defending against Colin Jones at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, on Jan. 19.

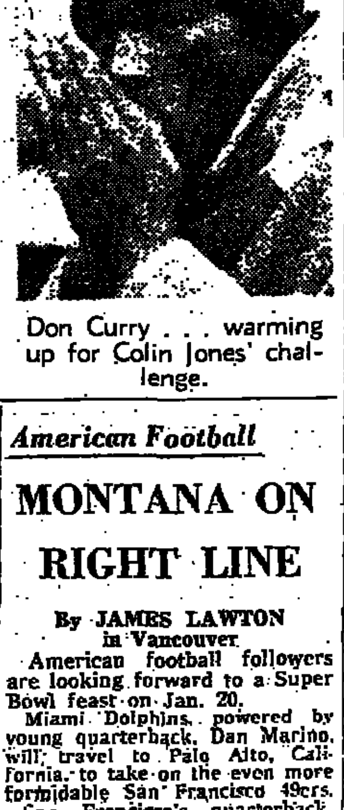
The American, who has defended the title four times since beating Jun Sok Hwang for the vacant crown in Feb. 1983, is here not only to beat Jones but to prove he is the best welterweight in the world.

The reasoning behind Curry's optimism is that Jones has drawn with and been defeated by Milton McCrory for the World Boxing Council title. McCrory has so far avoided putting that at stake with Curry's WBA crown thrown in.

"I don't think much of McCrory, so I want to show that I can beat Jones earlier than McCrory did—because that would suggest I'm a better fighter.

Curry, who has won inside the distance in 15 of his 20 unbeaten pro fights, said:

"It is possibly the biggest purse of my career, but that did not pursuade me to come to Britain. I like to be known as a champion who will fight anywhere. Jones is going to be tough, and I never said I was confident. But I do believe that I am the best fighter in the world."



Don Curry . . . warming up for Colin Jones' challenge.

Wallace comeback

Curry, 22, who underwent speech therapy to improve his image and is better known outside the U.S. because of defences in Sicily, Monte Carlo and now England, reckons that Jones, who had been waiting for a third tilt at McCrory, had made the wrong decision in opting for a chance of the WBA title.

A member of the U.S. team that boycotted the Moscow Olympics who had won more than 300 fights as an amateur Curry could move up a division if he beats Jones for a possible clash with Tommy Hearns.

The contest is the first solo WBA title fight in Britain — Alan Minter defended both the WBA and WBC crowns when he lost to Marvin Hagler. It has attracted the imagination of the public and promoter Frank Warren yesterday announced a 11,500 sell-out.

Warren, who is also promoting Charlie Magri's challenge for the world flyweight title against Sot Chitalada at the Alexandra Pavilion on Feb. 20, also revealed the comeback of Keith Wallace, the Commonwealth flyweight champion. He will fight as a bantam at Halifax on Feb. 2, in a bill that also includes Errol Christie.

WARREN REPLY

Frank Warren has replied to rival boxing promoter Mike Barrett in a dispute over Jimmy Cable, who defends his British light-middleweight title against the former holder, Prince Rodney, at Alexandra Pavilion on Feb. 20.

Barrett has complained to the British Boxing Board that Cable's manager Doug Bidwell promised he could promote Cable's next defence, but Warren has signed up the contest, claiming that agreement was valid only until the end of 1984.

The British Board will decide tomorrow whether the fight can go ahead.

American Football

MONTANA ON RIGHT LINE

By JAMES LAWTON in Vancouver

American football followers are looking forward to a Super Bowl feast on Jan. 20.

Miami Dolphins, powered by young quarterback, Dan Marino, will travel to Palo Alto, California, to take on the even more formidable San Francisco 49ers.

San Francisco's quarterback, Joe Montana, has less spectacular statistics than his young rival but there is a strong feeling that when the going is tough no-one is better at getting the job done.

In Sunday's NFC final Montana displayed superb patience as he overran the Chicago Bears 23-10. Chicago had three times repulsed the 49ers from within their own five-yard line, but Montana chipped away.

The crucial move came when wide receiver, Freddie Solomon, ran an intricate pattern into the corner of the end zone and the scrambling Montana delayed his pass until the right moment.

In Miami's Orange Bowl, Marino and his flying receivers Mark Clayton and Mark Duper overwhelmed the Pittsburgh Steelers in the AFC final.

San Francisco have been installed as the early favourites, but no-one disputes the fact that two excellent teams have the potential to produce one of the best-ever Super Bowls.

Lawn Tennis

BOOST FOR DAVIES

Mike Davies, the former British professional, has had his contract as executive director of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) extended until the end of 1987.

South-East Rugby

Ealing prepare for double test of nerve

By BILL DAY

EALING are in buoyant mood this week for the toughest examination of their character and strength in an impressive 104-year history.

They meet Saracens at home in the Middlesex Cup's fourth round on Sunday and, if that encounter is not daunting enough, they also travel to Harlequins fo ra John Player Special Cup-tie a fortnight later.

Ealing are not expected to straddle either obstacle but nothing can dampen their enthusiasm in a season marred by only three defeats.

Other junior clubs have an easier path to the Middlesex Cup's fifth round. **Staines** have struggled of late, with defeats against Osterley, Finchley and Ealing, but conuld be too strong for **Barclays Bank.**

Twickenham, firm underdogs against the **Metropolitan Police** after losing to their opponent's second team recently, believe they have players capable of springing a surprise

Davies flair

Everton Davies, Twickenham's Middlesex Club's wing, combines attacking pace with staunch defensive abilities. His flair, supported by the youthful talents of Dave Basley and Simon Green, two Middlesex Under-21 players, provides the potentiol for an upset.

West London Institute, arguably the fittest junior team in the capital, should prove too strong for **Uxbridge,** despite the quality of their opponents' experienced pack. **Mill Hill,** back to their best, will not be overawed by the visit of **Old Gaytonians,** the strongest junior side in Middlese for a decade.

Peter Farrell has completed 700 matches as **Sidcup's** touch judge since a back injury forced him to retire from playing more than 20 years ago.

MANAGER McKIBBIN

Des McKibbin, former international, has been appointed manager of the Irish rugby union team to tour Japan in May. Now the vice-president of the Irish Union, he won eight caps and was in the team which won the home championship in 1951.

Rugby in Wales

CARDIFF AND NEATH POISED

By DAVID GREEN

LAST week's sudden frost, which temporarily halted first-class rugby in Wales, has provided a breathing space in which to contemplate the current balance of power among major clubs in the Principality.

As far as Pontypool are concerned, of course, there has been no change. Apart fom their narow defeat by the Wallabies, they remain unbeaten, draws against Cardiff and Neath being minor blemishes on an astonishing record.

It is fitting that these two clubs should be the only ones that Pontypool have failed to overcome because they certainly appear to be the only sides who, at present, are in with a chance against the Gwent club.

Cardiff's recent record is very much in accordance with their great traditions. Schweppes Welsh Cup winners three times in the past four years, they continue as expected — providing their supporters with high-quality football.

Neath's eminence is not surprising, either, bearing in mind the hard work that has been put into the club over the past few seasons under the imaginative inspiration of Brian Thomas, the former Wales powerhouse forward.

Neath recognised

Neath improved steadily last season, their climax being a splendid display in the Welsh Cup Final, when for a while it looked as if they would upset the form book before they lost 24-19 against Cardiff.

Neath's form was recognised last week when three of their players — Mike Richards, the hooker, Jonathan Davies, the fly-half, and Paul Thorburn, the high-scoring fullback — were drafted into the Welsh senior squad.

Another Neath man who is worthy of the selectors' attention is David Jacob, the unsung centre, who possesses rugged defensive skill and a fierce break.

Jacob's contribution of two tries against Cardiff in last season's final is unique in the history of the competition.

Terry Holmes has been called into the squad after his return from holiday.

Rugby League

CROSSLEY SIGNS

Bradford Northern have signed John Crossley, 28, the former Fulham stand-off who was declared a free agent by the recent High Court decision which so badly affected the London Rugby League club.

Rugby League

Widnes await Leeds

By A Special Correspondent

WIDNES, the holders, look certain to travel to Headingley for a stiff first-round clash with Leeds in the £150,000 Silk Cut Rugby League Challenge Cup next month.

Leeds must first dispose of **Bridgend** in a preliminary round tie at home on Jan. 27 before qualifying for a repeat of their semi-final meeting with Widnes of last year.

Widnes, finalists three times in the last four seasons, beat Leeds on that occasion before lifting the trophy at Wembley by beating Wigan.

In the first round, to be played over the weekend of Feb. 9-10, **Fulham** are at home to either **Barrow or Halifax** while **Southend Invicta** entertain **Bradford Northern.**

Prelim rd (Jan. 27). — Salford v Featherstone Rovers—Doncaster v Wakefield Trinity—Barrow v Halifax—Leeds v Bridgend.

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Ski-ing

BROTHERS BELL PULL OUT

By ALAN SMITH in Sils, Switzerland

MARTIN and Graham Bell, the Scottish-born brothers who are Britain's brightest hopes for international ski race success, have pulled out of the national championships which begin in Sils today.

Both downhill specialists, they are going instead to Kitzbuhel, where an extra World Cup in downhill has been arranged for Friday, in addition to the Hahnenkamm downhill on Saturday.

Because of the general lack of snow last month two World Cup downhills were lost and have been added to the programmes at Kitzbuhel and Wengen the following Friday.

Regrettable though their absence is, especially for the sponsors, the British Land Company—who have supported the championships since 1979—it is understandable, especially as there is no downhill in Sils. There are only slaloms and giant slaloms.

Hard to beat

Both the men's and women's teams have been reduced in size this season, but Lesley Beck, who won the slalom and giant slalom last season is still in action and will be hard to beat.

Her fellow team member Moira Langmuir, third in 1984, is back in opposition, as is Sarah Lewis, who is not in the team but went well enough 12 months ago to take second place and won the championship slalom in 1983.

There is a strong foreign challenge for the men's races in which Mark Blyth, third in the slalom last year, would seem to have the best form of the team members, though there are a number who have dropped out, such as Freddie Burton, who could give him plenty to do.

Sils, just a few miles from St Moritz, is usually overshadowed by the famous resort, but at the moment is in the happy position of having superb snow conditions while several slopes in St Moritz are looking somewhat sparse.

Temperature at -36

It is cold however, the temperature dropping to -36 degrees at times, and several people are suffering from frostbite.

A little over 100 years ago a St Moritz hotelkeeper, Johannes Badrutt, attracted British visitors—and started the flood of the rich and the famous — by guaranteeing sun in the winter and offering to greet them in shirt sleeves on their arrival. Anybody who tried that in the last day or two would probably have been frozen to his doorpost.

The rich and the famous still come however. Prince and Princess Michael of Kent are attending the championships. Princess Michael is patron of the British Ski Federation.

BELL TRIUMPH IN VAL D'ISERE

British skiers took the top positions in the Lowlander races at Val d'Isere on Sunday.

Martin Bell, Britain's No. 1 was first in the men's downhill with a time of 1min 54·65secs with Nigel Smith second, and Mark Blyth third.

Moira Langmuir won the women's downhill with Ingrid Grant second and also taking the women's slalom and combined title.

Freddie Burton convincingly won the men's combined title despite strong competition. British skiers are performing well in their build-up to the World Championships at the end of the month in Bormio, Italy, despite a disrupted season.

SNOW UPSETS WORLD CUP

Heavy snowfalls and bad visibility forced the postponement of yesterday's World Cup men's slalom ski race in the French resort of La Mongie. The organisers said that a giant slalom scheduled for Schladming, Austria, today was also in jeopardy.

La Mongie staged its first World Cup race on Sunday and had been due to run another yesterday as a substitute for Baguiera-Beret. The Spanish Pyrenean venue had been due to hold a slalom yesterday and a giant slalom today but had to abandon its plans because of insufficient snow.

Alpine Ski-ing

ZURBRIGGEN IN CLOSE PURSUIT

Marc Girardelli, the Austrian ski-ing for Luxembourg who has won two of the last three World Cup races, faces a strong challenge from Pirmin Zurbriggen, of Switzerland in a giant slalom in Schladming, Austria, today.

Girardelli failed to finish a treacherous slalom course at La Mongie, France, on Sunday, missing a gate on the first leg.

Zurbriggen, the champion, close behind Girardelli in the overall standings, is especially strong in giant slalom.

Darts

LOGIE OVERRUN BY BRISTOW

Eric Bristow, defending his title in the Embassy World Professional Darts Championship, had an easy passage into the quarter-finals of the competition at Stoke last night.

The "Crafty Cockney" crushed Belgian Willy Logie 5-0 to silence the whispers after his nervous 2-1 first-round victory over qualifier Ken Summers that he was not the force he used to be.

Bristow, 27, countered: "I've only got one thing to say to anyone trying to write me off: Who has been number one for the past five years?"

EMBASSY WORLD PROFESIONAL CH'SHIPS (Stoke).—2nd Rd: E. Bristow bt W. Logie (Belg.) 5-0. A. Glazier bt S. Brennan (N. Ireland) 3-2.

ATHLETICS

HOUSTON-TENNECO MARATHON.—M. Freelick 2h 11m 15s, 1; S. Nzau (Kenya) 2-11-43, 2; W. Kruger (W Germany) 2-11-55, 3. Women: S. Roegger (Canada) 2-28-36, 1.

Golf Roundabout By MICHAEL WILLIAMS

Everything stops for a summons to the Hewitt

By MICHAEL WILLIAMS

ONE of my regular duties, if not instructions, at the United States Masters has been to get on the telephone to London and obtain news of progress in the Halford Hewitt with which the Masters has tended to clash rather inconsistently in recent years.

Those who have requested the information will, if not already standing on tiptoe at the Press room door, be waiting with bated breath on the lawns of Augusta National and, if the news is good, suitable celebrations will get under way at once.

That Charterhouse have just won again will certainly matter more to some members of the British party than Nicklaus having just picked up three birdies in a row and is now only a stroke behind Ballesteros.

This is all very confusing to the Americans, who have no idea what the Hewitt is all about. Their bemusement reached a peak in 1977 and 1981 as word went around that Watson's had won while Tom Watson was still out on the course and some way from, as it were, breasting the tape for his first and second victories.

The Hewitt takes its name from Halford Hewitt, the first president of the Public Schools Golfing Society and donator of the cup in 1924.

It is not only a special tournament in that it is played by foursomes, but also because of its rare size because it involves 640 players—64 schools with 10 men in each side—all at the same time.

Such loyalty

One cannot quite say "under one roof," because since 1950 the early stages have been shared by Royal St George's and Royal Cinque Ports, Deal, which is the Hewitt headquarters.

The survivors from Royal St George's then bounce down the Ancient Highway to join the others for the climax.

Thousands of golfers have been involved at some time or other in the competition.

Peter Ryde's **"The Halford Hewitt, A Festival of Foursomes,"** will surely find a place on their bookshelves quickly.

Copies are available only from Peter Kenyon, the society's secretary, at £16·95. His address is Hyde's Winderton, Banbury, Oxon.

The loyalty some of these players have for their old schools has become a byword.

Some cross continents to answer the call, others arrive still in their dinner jackets having driven through the night after receiving an SOS halfway through the fish, while one player landed on the practice ground by light aircraft.

No desertion

On one occasion, Paddy Shillington, then a subaltern in the British Forces in Germany, felt bound to decline an invitation to play for Wellington.

However, his team's captain, General Sir George Cole, quickly got word to Shillington's commanding officer that such was tantamount to desertion "and that he had better get over to Deal pretty smartly." He did.

Characters abound through the history of the Hewitt, none more brightly than John Morrison, a Carthusian who won blues for Cambridge at golf, soccer and cricket and was an occasional full back for Sunderland.

His captain, Charlie Buchan, allowed him a quart of beer before taking the field and another quart at half-time.

At Deal, Morrison regularly turned out in a deerstalker hat and an old teddy bear coat, secured at the waist by a piece of string.

In bad weather, he would augment this with a waterproof skirt which, together with a motley collection of clubs in a torn canvas bag, often totally unnerved the opposition.

It was the custom of Ian Patey, of Marlborough, to carry with him items of food. "This," writes Ryde, "he plied to all and sundry so that it was not unusual for the uninitiated newcomer, anxious not to give offence, to find himself clutching French bread and cheese while lining up a crucial putt."

Order of merit

While obviously an annual old boys' reunion, new acquaintances are made. When Haileybury reached their first semi-final, in 1970, one of their number, Jim Everitt, arrived on the first tee somewhat flustered, having had difficulty in rising from his bed at the appointed hour.

"With outstretched hand," writes Ryde, "he welcomed his opponent with 'Everitt, Haileybury, here . . . Wellington, I presume'. The reply came: 'Not yet—could be later. Crawford Gray, Harrow'."

The book, a complete record of the Halford Hewitt, also contains information that is new. An order of merit, compiled by Bob Anderson, of Malvern, reveals that Charterhouse has won 156 matches in 54 years, getting through an average of 3·055 rounds per year.

This puts them top of the pile, as do their 14 outright victories. Bishop's Stortford, on the other hand, have been going to Deal for 36 years and have won only four games.

With other brave triers, such as Ampleforth and City of London, Bishop's Stortford are as much a part of the Hewitt as are Eton, Harrow, Rugby and Winchester, of the more successful schools.

No one would have it any other way.

OOSTERHUIS TRIUMPH

PETER OOSTERHUIS yesterday won the £34,782 first prize in the pre-PGA Tour £174,000 Spalding Invitation Tournament at Pebble Beac hCalifornia, with a final 69 for 274.

A four-birdie run from the eighth to the 11th, the trickiest stretch of the course, helped beat Johnny Miller, the former Open champion, by four strokes.

Mark O'Meara, of North Carolina, and Bob Eastwood were joint third. Kathy Whitworth was the best of the women pros, who played from forward tees, with a final 76 to tie sixth.

This was Oosterhuis's second Spalding success having won in 1983. He said: "Alhough that 69 was not my best score at Pebble Beach"—he had a 67 there in the US Open—"it was certainly the most welcome."

274—P. Oosterhuis (GB) 70, 68, 67, 69, £34,782.
278—J. Miller 68, 70, 69, 71, £20,435.
279—M. O'Meara 70, 66, 75, 68; B. Eastwood 64, 70, 72, 73; G. Archer 69, 66, 70, 74: £10,507 each.
281—K. Whitworth 68, 70, 67, 76; M. Brooks 67, 68, 73, 73; K. Norris 68, 68, 70, 75: £4,652 each.
283—R. Clampett 74, 69, 71, 69; C. Stadler 74, 68, 71, 70.
284—Jim Stephenson (Aus) 71, 72, 67, 74.

Annabelle Cripps . . . selected for England.

Ross back in England favour for Golden Cup

By PAT BESFORD

BUTTERFLY star Freda Ross, who just missed selection for the Olympics, returns to international competition in England's Yorkshire Bank team for the Golden Cup multi-nation meeting in Strasbourg, France, from Jan. 18-20.

Miss Ross, a European Championships and Commonwealth Games competitor, used to be coached by her father at Bexley, but has now moved north to join the top squad trained by Keith Bewley at Wigan.

Entry by China

Her new club-mates Annabelle Cripps and Gaynor Stanley, plus Kathy Read from Norwich, who all went to Los Angeles, make up the women's side.

The selection of Miss Read, 15, the British record holder at 200 metres backstroke, is a surprise. The Norfolk school girl had to pull out of the team for the European Cup in Bergen last month because of glandular fever.

Ricky Burrell from Southampton, who anchored both the medley and freestyle sprint relay teams at the Games, is the only one of the four men chosen who have competed at the Olympics.

The teams . . .

ENGLAND (Golden Cup, Strasbourg, Jan. 18-20).—Men: G. Binfield (Salford), R. Burrell (Southampton), M. Buswell, D. Emerson (Leeds). Women: A. Cripps (Wigan), K. Read (Norwich), F. Ross, G. Stanley (Wigan).

SCOTLAND (Viareggio Carnival, Feb. 1-3).—Boys: C. Glenn, D. Haggerty (Paisley), S. Irwin (Border City), G. Keating (Motherwell), M. Smith (Milngavie), C. Taylor, J. Thompson (Paisley). Girls: G. Bone (Paisley), L. Cowie (Grangemouth), A. Duffy (Glasgow), T. Giles (Aberdeen), S. Gilfillen (Dundee), G. Higgins (Stirling), S. McAlear (Glasgow), I. McLure (Ayr), F. Pettito (Aberdeen), I. Roberts (Border City), S. Smart (Chester), L. Still (Aberdeen).

The third Golden Cup has attracted entries from at least 18 nations including China, Bulgaria and Holland, while Scotland are also in the list.

The organisers are awaiting acceptances from the United States and Canada, both medal winners in Los Angeles, and East Germany and the Soviet Union, who boycotted the Games.

Scotland are also sending a 19-strong Esso-sponsored youth team to the Viareggio Carnival meeting in Italy on Feb. 13.

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England Cricket Tour

AGNEW EXCELS BUT CHANCES GO BEGGING

By MICHAEL CAREY in Hyderabad

JONATHAN AGNEW took four wickets on his first tour appearance, but England's bowlers were not helped by lapses in the field and had to work harder than might have been expected on a well grassed pitch in Hyderabad yesterday as South Zone launched their four-day game by making 305 for eight from 80 overs.

Five chances, all close to the wicket, escaped. Srikkanth who was missed twice before reaching 30, went on to perish in the 90s for the third time against England on this tour and Ayub, dropped twice before scoring, supervised an enterprising final session which tilted the day in South Zone's favour by making a vigorous, unbeaten 57.

All this added up to a thoroughly entertaining day's cricket, although England would doubtless have settled for less jollity after reducing South Zone to 217 for

Cowdrey . . . unlucky spell as fourth seamer.

seven by tea. Agnew, despite his encouraging start, still conceded 101 runs from 18 overs and will have learned where not to bowl on Indian pitches, even those like this.

Its grassy texture encouraged England to include a third seam bowler, Cowans, and to bowl first—not a decision to be taken lightly with the temperature in the high eighties and all concerned shaking off the frustrations of a long, delayed trip from Calcutta the previous evening.

In the event the ball moved about, though not at any great pace, but the extra bounce was appreciated by the stroke players as well as the bowlers.

Unlucky spell

Of these Srikkanth, perhaps with an eye on the Madras Test, played with much of his new found sobriety after his early escapes until a characteristic flourish later. When he became one of Agnew's three victims in his second spell, England seemed capable of bowling South Zone out for 250 or less.

At that stage their close fielding betrayed them, with Cowdrey suffering more than most during an unlucky spell as fourth seamer, and the powerful Ayub played a major part in adding 38 runs during the final session.

After his lengthy wait for action, Agnew had an early bonus when Srinivasaprasad, driving some way outside his off stump, was caught behind, and after a change of ends to replace the somewhat variable Cowans, the Leicestershire bowler ought to have had the prized wicket of Srikkanth when he had made 10.

Not for the first, or last time, Agnew obtained generous bounce and Srikkanth, trying not to play, steered a catch off the face of the bat to first slip where the ball cannoned into Moxon's chest and went down.

Foster, meanwhile, also posed problems, and after having Viswanath caught at slip, also enjoyed a slice of luck from the next ball which the left-handed Madhavan slashed hard off the back foot only to see it lodge between Edmonds thighs in the gully.

One loose ball

Soon afterwards Srikkanth at 24, had his second escape when Gower, diving at third slip, got one hand to, but could not hold, an attempted cut. Later the South Zone captain found plenty of bowling which could be hooked or picked up off his legs with great profit.

Agnew was among those who suffered, but while he tended to bowl one loose ball an over, his ability to beat the bat was encouraging and before removing Srikkanth he bowled both Azharuddin and Binny with balls of a requisite full length.

South Zone were then 174 for six, but Khanwilkar was missed at slip off Cowdrey before, off a much more undistinguished delivery, he was caught behind the legside during a spell when England discovered that, despite the effect of the sun, the pitch would still afford some movement.

Ayub, saw French drop him twice off Cowdrey, and with some powerful drives and occasional firm blows over the top, completed the recovery and offered England the consolation that they should enjoy batting on this pitch as much as they almost liked bowling on it.

Scoreboard

SOUTH ZONE—First innings

*K. Srikkanth, c Moxon, b Agnew	90
M. R. Srinivasaprasad, c French, b Agnew	0
S. Viswanath, c Gatting, b Foster	34
R. Madhavan, c Edmonds, b Foster	0
M. Azharuddin, b Agnew	18
R. M. H. Binny, b Agnew	19
R. Kanwilkar, c French, b Cowdrey	21
A. Qayyum, c Edmonds, b Cowans	18
A. Ayub, not out	57
W. V. Raman, not out	26
Extras (lb 10, nb 12)	22
Total (8 wkts)	305

Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-66, 3-62, 4-131, 5-157, 6-174, 7-200, 8-234.

To bat: T. A. Sekar.

Bowling: Cowans 9-2-37-1, Agnew 18-1-101-4, Foster 19-6-45-2, Edmonds 13-7-28-0; Marks 7-2-27-0, Cowdrey 11-1-44-1, Gatting 3-0-13-0.

ENGLAND: *D. I. Gower, M. D. Moxon, R. T. Robinson, M. W. Gatting, C. S. Cowdrey, V. J. Marks, †B. N. French, P. H. Edmonds, N. A. Foster, J. P. Agnew, N. G. Cowans.

Umpires: S. K. Ghosh & S. R. Ramachandrarao.

* Captain † Wicketkeeper

POWELL TAKES NORTHANTS JOB

David Powell will take over as administrator of the Northamptonshire cricket club next month.

Mr Powell, 40, a banker, will run the finance and sponsorship of his home county team.

Agnew . . . expensive on his tour debut but still made an encouraging start by taking four wickets.

SPINNERS CAN TURN WINNERS

By DAVID GREEN

CRICKET lovers will have welcomed the success of England spinners Phil Edmonds and Pat Pocock in India as a happy break from the unrelenting emphasis on seam and swing bowling of recent years.

The tactics of the one-day game must carry their fair share of blame for the demise of English slow bowling.

Current theory holds that spin is generally too risky in limited-over cricket. Over-limits in three of our four major competitions mean opportunities for slow bowlers are restricted and their development is consequently hindered.

Unless a spinner can push the ball into the block hole at medium pace in the manner of Derek Underwood or Jack Simmons, he is likely to lose his place to a medium pacer, bowling without a slip to ultra defensive fields.

Pace alone inadequate

This fashion has a certain logic, but it should not be forgotten that, when Yorkshire won the John Player League in 1983, Ray Illingworth took 20 wickets at only 12 runs apiece, using flight and spin.

At Test level, England have seemed to drift with this tide—though in fairness to the selectors, the banning of Underwood and John Emburey from international cricket has sadly reduced our spin options.

It must also be admitted that, until recently, our faster bowlers, spear-headed by Ian Botham and Bob Willis and supported by Chris Old, John Lever and Mike Hendrick, produced good results, particularly in England.

Abroad, however, it is a different matter. Attacks based on pace alone, unless they are of the quality of the present West Indies side or of Australia when Lillee, Thomson and Max Walker were thriving, are too often inadequate.

Effective in harness

In great heat and on unresponsive pitches, quick bowlers find it difficult to keep going, while opposing batsmen relish bowling which reaches the bat at a helpful pace and demands no technical or mental adjustment.

But the batsman is forced to think, and work for his runs against good spinners. One does not need to look back as far as Laker, Lock, Wardle and Appleyard to find England's spinners, in harness making opposition batsmen do just that.

On Mike Smith's 1964-5 tour of South Africa, David Allen and Fred Titmus, faced with aggressive batsmen in Eddie Barlow, Graeme Pollock, Colin Bland and Dennis Lindsay bowled nearly 45 per cent. of England's overs — 567 between them — in a high-scoring series.

Moreover they contrived to take more than half the wickets that fell. When they found helpful conditions in the first Test at Durban, they bowled England to a victory which decided the series.

Spiritual home

Illingworth's successful tour of Australia in 1970-71 is remembered chiefly for the exploits of John Snow, who took 31 wickets. It is frequently forgotten that Illingworth and Underwood took 28 wickets and shared the equivalent of 436 six-ball overs.

India, however, is perhaps the spiritual home of spin-bowling as may be illustrated by the feats of their great quartet of Bedi (slow left arm), Chandrasekar (top spinners and googlies) and Prasanna and Venkataraghavan (off-spinners).

Between 1961—Prasanna's first international — and 1983 — Venkat's last—these bowlers wheeled their way through 11,000 Test overs, capturing 853 wickets. And there can scarcely have been a dull moment for the onlooker.

Lawn Tennis

U.S. pride at stake for top seeds

By JOHN PARSONS in New York

THREE weeks ago John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors slunk away from Gothenburg amid the shame and humiliation surrounding their ill-prepared and duly punished attempt to regain the Davis Cup.

Both therefore have reputations to repair—Connors all the more so in terms of behaviour—when as top seeds, they seek to retore American pride and prestige in the Volvo Grand Prix Masters starting in New York tonight.

McEnroe, the defending champion, lost only thre matches out of 85 during 1984 so it would be something of an exaggeration to impl that he had a great deal to prove.

On the other hand as he leads the six Americans against another six (all from Europe) in the Madison Square Garden draw, the fact that four of the overseas players are from Sweden and that he will have to play one of those who beat him in the Davis Cup, is bound to revive painful memories

Henrik Sundstrom and Anders Jarryd play tonight for the right to meet McEnroe on Thursday. It was Sundstrom who upset the American in the crucial Davis Cup singles and Jarryd, partnered by Stefan Edberg, who handed McEnroe his first-ever Davis Cup defeat in a doubles.

The draw

J. McEnroe bye; H. Sundstrom v A. Jarryd; M. Wilander bye; A. Krickstein v J. Kriek; J. Nystrom v V. Gerulaitis; I. Lendl bye; E. Teltscher v T. Smid; J. Connors bye.

Spectacular outbursts

As it was also against Jarryd in November that McEnroe produced the spectacular outbursts in the Stockholm Open which led to a suspension (he lashed out at court equipment and, among other things, sent ice flying into the lap of an American diplomat) the mental pressure on McEnroe could be extreme.

Not only the tournament officials but the USTA hirarchy will be watching nervously to see how he reacts. The Stockholm incident followed by the outrageous language which Connors fired at British referee Alan Mills and umpire George Grime in Gothenburg have upset many of their countrymen.

Hunter Delatour, the USTA president, roundly condemned what happened and at the Davis Cup dinner apologised at length, while the chairman of the company which sponsors the American Davis Cup team has written saying that they are seriously questioning whether to continue their support.

This therefore could be a significant week not just for the Wimbledon and US Open champion and the inevitably-fading Connors, 32, but also for American lawn tennis at a time when the rest of the world, and Sweden in particular, is threatening to put them in the shade.

£500,000 bonus

Not that McEnroe will accept that. "I don't want to take any credit away from them, they're great players but to say that the Swedes now dominate tennis just because they won the Davis Cup is ridiculous", he said yesterday, when collecting the bonus of £500,000 for again finishing on top of the year's Grand Prix points table.

Connors, second in the points table, qualifying for £550,000, was the one absentee. He was still home in California with his wife and new baby daughter.

During the year, Connors had a win/loss record of 72-15 compared with 69-14 for third seeded Ivan Lendl, the Masters champion in 1982 and 1983 who, despite upsets last week in an exhibition build-up event in Las Vegas, must be considered a threat.

Fifth-seeded Andres Gomez of Ecuador, with who Lendl will be playing doubles for most of the year has been forced to withdraw with the recurrence of the shoulder injury he suffered at Wembley. His place goes to American junior Aaron Krickstein, 17, the youngest to quality for a Masters finishing 15th on the overall list.

Without this change the United States would have been outnumbered in the Masters line-up for the first time.

Hilton Cup Bowls

Lacy's regime makes England hard to beat

By Our BOWLS CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND has always abounded in top-class indoor bowlers, yet from 1970 to 1979 they were only able to win the Hilton Cup international team championship twice, while Scotland, with far fewer players to choose from, dominated the other eight years.

The England crisis peaked in 1977, when only a magnificent last shot of the match against Ireland by Jim Wiseman staved off defeat and the ignominy of the wooden spoon.

Alan Lacy took over as team manager in 1980, and seemingly injected determination that was made manifest when England turned a complete deficit of 19 to a triumph over Scotland by 11 to win the Hilton Cup.

Lacy praised the then seven-strong committee, which contained only two international players. Changes were needed and, of the nine selectors who assessed last Saturday's trials, four are internationals and one a former England pairs champion.

Places for newcomers

The current system came along in time for the 1983 and 1984 series, both won by England, and is structured so that the eventual team has survived three trial matches in front of the committee.

Indoor bowls affiliates have been increasing by 5,000 a year since 1979. Talents are first categorised at their individual clubs which, alert to good prospects, ensure that the regional selectors know about special players. If really top class, they will be nominated for the annual North v South match.

In reality, this is a work-out for the chosen 48—none of them internationals—to be assessed by the selectors.

Around 20 of last year's England team are normally picked for the first international trial, so leaving 28 places for newcomers.

Parade on the green

This is where pressure comes in and helps to reveal player character on the big occasions. One selector is based on each rink, complete with a large recording card on which the value of every delivery by each of the players is entered. Using a "5 for excellent, 0 for dreadful" scale, this sets a match maximum of 210 marks.

The selectors change rinks after ten ends, to reduce any individual views about a player. A 210 score is virtually impossible, but in this winter's match at Stevenage, Brett Morley rated 85-5 per cent. and Richard Hart 85 per cent. Both are in the final team trial on January 20.

Six selectors, brandishing large score cards, cannot be overlooked by players. But the screw is turned even more by the remaining three selectors, who wander all over the green.

They include Jim Davidson, the national director of coaching, and Peter Brimble, who has played in 48 England Hilton Cup matches and captained the teams since 1975. This year's EIBA President, he appears even more commanding as he parades the green and encourages the trialists.

Youth has bloomed over the past 12 years with the team's average age of 58 tumbling to 31 by 1984. No less effective, Davidson's innovative mind, his vast experience in man-management and his success as a former England singles champion and internationalist puts him on a par with Brian Clough as a motivator.

Scotland, Ireland and Wales are now also industriously developing groups of talented teenagers and young men.

Their challenge this March will be strong, but their systems probably remain inferior to England's. Should one of them win the Hilton Cup, it will only be through outstanding play.

PRUDENTIAL NAT. SINGLES (Worthing). — 4th Rd: K. Thatcher (Preston) 21, C. Boyle (Falaise) 11—M. Harris (Preston) 21, R. Winchester (Eastbourne) 9—E. Parker (Guildford) w.o. A. Cox (Pewsham)—C. Tressell (Stevenage) 21, A. Brannings (Stevenage) 19 — M. Tomberry (Harpenden) 21, D. Hancock (Harpenden) 2—N. Smith (King George) 21, M. Goddard (Wey) 7—W. Richards (Cambridge Park) 21, D. Hall (Cambridge Park) 19—C. Tingey (Margate) 19, M. Luker (Ana-ll) 21—S. Greig (Angel) 21, K. Ticehurst (Deangate) 7 — B. Milgate (Angel) 21, A. Rush (Margate) 14 — D. Bishop (Victory) 21, R. Potten (Worthing) 3.

J. Cripps (Arun) 21, K. Poland (Arun) 14—M. Knowles (Cheshunt) 21, V. Pearson (Cheshunt) 9—F. Owen (Tyr) w.o. P. Hicks (Chesham) — G. Cochrane (Tilbury) 21, M. Freeborn (Essex County) 19—M. Turner (Tilbury) 7, R. Parr (Essex C) 21 — A. Lynch (Temple) 21, C. Fay (Dartford) — J. Cook (Dartford) 21, R. Dunk (Dartford) 7—F. Rose (Greenwich) 17, F. Fullen (Lewisham) 21—M. Rock (Dartford) 9, T. Orr (Temple) 21—K. Coomber (Cyphers) 21, M. Heppell (Cyphers) 3—R. Cummings (Crystal Palace) 12, R. Chandler (Cyphers) 21.

Angling

LIGHT BONFIRES FOR HUGE COD

It is bonfire time around our coasts, writes Derek Fletcher. Anglers are building driftwood fires along the shoreline not only for warmth but to reflect on the water to attract the huge cod that are around.

Yesterday cod up to 38lb were caught from many coasts, and providing the cold sea temperatures continue, good bags are expected throughout the week.

Many of yesterday's fish were full of sprats, which is currently a top bait. Other baits include Lugworm, herring strips and razorfish.

Spinners are also successful in the moonlight surf, and the most important factor is not to be hurried in retrieving the lure. Pause every now and then before reeling in.

Recommended hot spots for cod steaks include Felixstowe, Poole, Chesil Beach near Weymouth, Blackpool, Portpatrick and Whitby.

World Series Cup

Lawson battles to face Sri Lanka

GEOFF LAWSON, the Australian pace bowler, was still hoping last night to play against Sri Lanka in the first day-night match of the World Series Cricket Cup in Sydney today.

Lawson, who twisted his back and aggravated an old injury in a fall during Sunday's defeat by the West Indies has been receiving physiotherapy.

He was planning a strenuous morning session in the nets to prove his fitness. Carl Rackemann, who held off the challenges of Rod McCurdy and Terry Alderman to be picked as reserve, was standing by.

Allan Border, the Australian captain, injured a finger when *stopping a powerful Viv Richards drive on Sunday but is certain to play.*

Aggressive batting

Sri Lanka, coached by Peter Philpott, former Australian Test all-rounder, lack experience under lights but bat aggressively in one-day cricket and are sure to please the crowd.

Roy Dias, the vice-captain, has already has scored a century on the tour, and Somachandra de Silva, leg-spinner, could excel on the Sydney ground.

Clive Lloyd, the West Indies captain, who does not like playing under lights, is likely to miss some matches in both the World Series Cup and the World Championship of Cricket.

Wes Hall, the manager, said there are likely to be experimental teams if the West Indies qualify for the finals in both series.

Youngsters' chance

"We will be giving some of our young players a chance once we qualify," he said. He added that the Sri Lankans, their opponents in Hobart, Tasmania, on Thursday, were an unknown quantity.

"They are certainly not to be taken lightly and could surprise many people in Australia this summer. We will obviously be taking the match seriously."

Women's Cricket

NSW SAVED BY LARSEN

AFTER losing their first four wickets for 83, New South Wales country were rescued yesterday by all-rounder Lyn Larsen in their two-day match against England at Pratten Park, Sydney.

Larsen, the New South Wales captain, hit 51 and figured in two good partnerships to save the local side from collapse.

New South Wales began badly, losing the two valuable wickets of opener Lindsay Reeler for one and Trish Dawson for four with only 13 on the board.

Lisa Davies put New South Wales back into the game with 44 and Sally Griffiths combined with Larsen for a 62-run partnership.

Rena Hore joined Larsen in an effort to increase the scoring rate but accurate bowling by the English women led to New South Wales's dismissal before they batted their allotted 110 overs.

Test bowler Janet Aspinall spearheaded the English attack taking two for 24. She was well supported by Sue Metcalfe and Janette Brittin.

New South Wales 222 (L. Larsen 51) v England.

Speedway

KYLLINGSTAD SIGNS

Reading have signed the Norwegian speedway champion, Einar Kyllingstad, 19. He preferred the Berkshire club to King's Lynn and Poole.

French alter entry clauses to boost big-race prizes

By HOTSPUR (Peter Scott)

FRENCH counterpart races to the Derby, Oaks and Guineas classics will have a second entry stage 12 days before they are run this year. Their ordinary closing dates have been postponed by two months from early-December to Feb. 6.

The Prix du Jockey Club (French Derby), to be run at Chantilly on June 9, now has a sponsor in the Lancia car firm.

The cost of a second entry is 150,000 francs (£13,425) whereas ordinary nominations cost 2,000 francs (£177). Entry fees this year will go to swell win and place money. Previously these were guaranteed stipulated sums.

The 1985 Prix du Jockey-Club winner will earn, exclusive of breeders' bonuses, £1 million francs (£89,500) together with 75 per cent. of the nomination fees.

Oaks equivalent

The Prix du Diane Hermes, widely recognised as France's counterpart to the Oaks though its distance is shorter at 10½ furlongs, will be run on June 16. This Chantilly race is less valuable than the Prix du Jockey-Club but its second entries will also be priced at £13,425.

Second entries for Longchamp races equivalent to the 2,000 and 1,000 Guineas will cost 100,000 frances (£8,950), as will the two spring semi-classics, the Prix Lupin and Prix Saint-Alary.

The second entry deadline in each case will coincide with the normal first acceptance stage.

The vast difference between costs for a second entry and an ordinary nomination will probably mean that leading owners continue to make strings of entries in the old way, rather than completely holding their fire until 12 days before the race.

Two-year-old entry

The first four English classics were switched to a February entry date last year, having previously closed three months earlier.

Irish classics have carried a second entry stage for some years, but their Derby, Oaks and Guineas races have a second entry deadline as early as the previous December. First entrics *are in March of the eventual runners' two-year-old careers.*

The St Leger, England's oldest classic, is staged in mid-September and has its entry date about two months beforehand. The Doncaster management have been campaigning for a return to much earlier closing with a second entry stage.

If the Jockey Club allow this, it would be difficult to deny similar concessions to other big races and the whole modernisation work of more realistic closing dates would be undone.

There were 258 entries for the Epsom Derby in 1984. The Irish Derby had a far more unwieldy 484 with a supplementary fee of 1,000 Irish punts paid for each of 39 second entries.

Sir Ian Trethowan, the Levy Board chairman, yesterday announced that a fresh look will be taken at the purpose of the National Stud, which the Board have been responsible for running since 1963.

"During the 1960's and for much of the 1970's the National Stud had a clear and distinctive role to keep in this country stallions which might otherwise have been sold abroad," said Sir Ian.

"An explosion in stallion prices and stud fees over the last few years has made this policy more difficult to pursue. An inquiry team with terms of reference will be set up," he added.

Levy Board policy as regards National Stud stallions has been subject to more commercial influence for some time and there was a storm towards the end of 1983 when Grundy's lack of patronage by British breeders caused his export to Japan.

Grundy's departure and the more recent death of Mooresbridge left Mill Reef, Blakeney and Star Appeal heading those stallions at the National Stud's Newmarket base. Final Straw, Homing and Sagaro are National Stud stallions quartered elsewhere.

BREGAWN BACK ON CUP TRAIL

By DAVID WELCH

Bregawn, winner of the Cheltenham Gold Cup in 1983 when trained by Michael Dickinson, may be a challenger for this year's race, despite apparently being retired last season.

Bregawn became increasingly apt to show signs of moodiness and after he almost refused to race in last year's Cheltenham showpiece, and on his only subsequent start, James Kennelly, his owner, took him back to his stud in Ireland.

A spell of hunting with the Kildare this season appears to have sweetened up Bregawn and plans are that he will run in a £10,000 handicap at Gowran Park in 10 days' time.

The horse has been doing good, hard work for his new trainer Michael Cullinane, and connections say that if he comes through the Gowran Park race well, the Gold Cup will again be his objective.

STATE OF GOING

Advance official going for tomorrow's meetings: Kelso, "ch" "good to soft," "heavy"; Plumpton, "soft" (9 a.m. inspection).

Second day without racing

For the second day running there is no racing in Britain. Yesterday's Nottingham card was abandoned because of frost and today's scheduled fixtures at Leicester (frost and snow) and Wetherby (snow) were also called off yesterday.

Tomorrow's Plumpton meeting is in danger and a 9.30 a.m. inspection today will determine prospects. "It would not have been possible to race today and I don't hold out much hope at all," said Cliff Griggs, clerk of the course, last night.

The Thurles programme carried forward from last Thursday to tomorrow, is subject to an inspection at 3 p.m. today. But hopes are high for a resumption tomorrow at Kelso, where only a small amount of snow has fallen, and David McHarg, clerk of the course, reports "no problems."

Ice Hockey

FIFE STAY CLEAR OF THE PACK

By HOWARD BASS

FIFE FLYERS impressively consolidated their leadership of the Heineken Ice Hockey League with a win and a draw over the weekend.

Dave Stovanovich scored four goals and Danny Brown three in a rare pasting for visiting Dundee Rockets, the champions, by a score of 15-5.

Next day, Fife almost broke Durham Wasps' 14-month unbeaten home record.

Steve Cooper snatched a face-saving equaliser for Wasps in a pulsating 5-5 draw after the outstanding Ron Plumb had put Flyers ahead in 35 seconds.

A 9-7 home win against Ayr Bruins kept Murrayfield Racers within a point of the leaders. Gordon McDougall, formerly with Fife, made a four-goal debut for the Racers.

Wasps recover

Durham Wasps, third, stayed in contention through a 4-3 success at **Nottingham**. The Panthers fought back gamely from a three-goal deficit but found the leeway just beyond them.

Streatham Redskins had mixed fortunes in the North-East, but are still level on points with fourth-placed **Cleveland Bombers**, whose Jim Earle sank the Londoners with five goals in a hard-earned 10-7 triumph.

Streatham made amends with an 11-4 win at Whitley Bay, a team they have not lost against in seven matches. Gary Stefan scored a hat-trick in both games.

Southampton Vikings suffered their 14th consecutive league defeat — a Premier Division record—but visiting **Nottingham's** 5-0 win was not that easy because four of the goals came in the last eight minutes after the Vikings had lost two injured players. Chris Keward achieved the shut-out.

Still unbeaten, **Peterborough Pirates** gained their ninth successive win to maintain a two-point lead in the First Division. Alcide Jutras netted seven goals and Shannon Hope and John Lawless five apiece in their team's 24-6 home rout of **Bournemouth Stags**.

Second-placed **Solihull Barons** rained 108 shots on Deeside's goal when demolishing the visiting Dragons 25-2. Chuck Taylor contributed six goals while Dean Vogelgesang and Tony Creasley each scored five.

PREMIER DIV. — Cleveland 10, Streatham 7—Durham 5, Fife 5; Fife 15, Dundee 5—Murrayfield 9, Ayr 7—Nottingham 3, Durham 4—Southampton 0, Nottingham 5—Whitley 4, Streatham 11.

Div 1.—Altrincham 4, Blackpool 13—Blackpool 12, Grimsby 4—Glasgow 18, Crowtree 5—Peterborough 24, Bournemouth 6—Solihull 25, Deeside 2.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Fife	17	12	3	2	147	81	26
Murrayfield	17	12	4	1	133	96	25
Durham	15	10	4	1	116	84	21
Cleveland	15	9	5	2	140	111	[illegible]
Streatham	16	9	5	2	116	90	20
Dundee	17	8	8	1	114	120	17
Nottingham	13	7	9	1	69	[illegible]	15
Ayr	17	5	11	1	116	143	11
Whitley	18	4	13	1	132	175	9
Southampton	14	0	14	0	50	178	0

U.S. NAT. LGE. — New York Rangers 5, New Jersey 4—Edmonton 7, Winnipeg 2—St Louis 3, Chicago [illegible].

Bowls

Smith and Shaw make the day for women

By OUR BOWLS CORRESPONDENT

BRILLIANT bowling by Sally Smith and Norma Shaw took them into the quarter-finals of the Cannon Assurance Open Masters Singles at Ely yesterday.

Mrs Shaw, the women's world champion, was well tested by Thelma Everitt before winning 2-9, 9-4, 9-7.

Her second round clash with Simon Tutchener demonstrated both her skills and concentration when sets scoring are in operation. Though made to work hard, she always looked the more commanding of the two, winning 9-8, 9-7.

Smith, 18, the national junior *champion had a dream day.* Drawn against Chris Ward, twice winner of the England Men's Singles Championship and winner of the British Isles singles title in 1983, she began nervously.

Clearly uncertain in the early ends, she began to show more confidence and explained later: "I managed to get my concentration together and kept a fairly good length. I felt very pleased with my concentration. I thought it would let me down but it didn't." She won 9-7, 2-9, 9-5.

Feared opponent

After lunch, there were more thrills to come against Mark Entwistle, winner of the Ely Open on Sunday.

Smith said: "I was dreading that game and when I walked out again I thought I did not stand a chance. But I'll just do my best once more."

Her best proved more than adequate, though she was shaken in the second set before winning 9-5, 6-9, 9-6, earning herself a clash with Willie Wood, of Scotland, the world championship singles silver medallist.

1st RD: W. Woods (Edinburgh) bt Mrs E. Lorke (Liverpool) 9-1, 8-9, 9-4; M. Entwistle (Ely) bt Mrs M. Christmas (Ely) 9-4, 9-2; A. Ross (Lo n Meadow) bt Mrs J. Browning (Ely) 9-3, 9-3; S. Seymour (Ely) bt M. Freeborn (Westcliff) 9-2, 9-3; Mrs R. Campbell (Teesside) bt Mrs E. Bean (Ely) 9-6, 2-9, 9-8; D. Ward (N. Walsham) bt M. Gunnie (Teesside) 9-6, 1-9, 9-6.

Miss S. Smith (Norwich) bt C. Ward (N. Walsham) 9-7, 2-9, 9-5; S. Palmer (Ely) bt Mrs J. Valls (Richmond) 9-4, 9-5; T. Lowe (Ely) bt R. Robertson (Teesside) 9-2, 9-3; D. Bryant (Clevedon) bt J. Campion (Ely) 9-4, 9-1; R. Hart (Essex) bt Mrs O. Day (Ely) 9-1, 9-1; W. Hobart (Boston) bt G. Bridgement (Ely) 9-3, 9-4.

N. Blair (Ely) bt Mrs M. Steele (Cambridge Park) 9-6, 9-8; D. Cornwell (Ely) bt J. Hare (Huddersfield) 9-4, 9-5; Mrs N. Shaw (Teesside) bt Mrs T. Everitt (Ely) 2-9, 9-4, 9-7; S. Tutchener (Ely) bt M. Jackman (March) 9-4, 9-8.

2ND RD: Wood bt Mrs Campbell 9-4, 9-2; D. Ward bt Seymour 9-1, 9-4.

Miss Smith bt Entwistle 9-5, 6-9, 9-6; Palmer bt Ross 9-5, 6-9, 9-5; Blair bt Cornwell 9-2, 5-9, 9-3; Shaw bt Tutchener 9-8, 9-7.

Lowe bt Hobart 9-4, 5-9, 9-7; Bryant bt Hart 9-3, 9-3.

CROYDON OPEN FOURS.—Semi-finals: J. Thompson (Croydon) 24, W. Hayward (Preston) 15—D. Crocker (Cyphers) 27, G. Orr (London Irish) 18.

SQUASH

BRIT. U-19 WOMEN'S CH'SHIP (Gloucester).—Final: T. Cunliffe (Lancs) bt S. Macfie (Surrey) 3-1.

CYCLING

BREMEN 6-DAY RACE.—J. Kristen & M. Rinklin (W. Germany) 199pts, 1; D. Thurau (W. Germany) & D. Clark (Australia) 162, at 2; G. Frank & H-H. Oersted (Denmark) 162, at 2; G. Wiggins (Australia) & T. Doyle (G.B.) 128, 4.

U.S. FOOTBALL

NAT. LGE. semi-finals: Miami 45, Pittsburgh 28—San Francisco 23, Chicago 0.

Table Tennis

PREAN KEEPS CLEAN SHEET

By JOHN WOODFORD

Carl Prean, 17, brushed aside all 11 opponents to win the European junior top 12 table tennis tournament in San Marino, Italy.

The Isle of Wight professional, the fourth ranked senior in England, gave glimpses of potential world class form as he stormed through his young rivals without dropping a single game in two days' play.

His father and coach, John Prean, said: "This shows that full preparation makes all the difference."

Mr Prean has strong views on players being rushed from airports direct to venues to cut costs. In this case Carl Prean spent two days' special preparation at Soham, Cambs, with Paul Day, the former England international.

Best results

Widespread controversy continues to surround the teenager's development and in particular the coaching of him at the court side. English Table Tennis Association officials maintain that his best results have been achieved on occasions when he has been advised at the table by the England coaches and when his father has not been present.

Alan Cooke (Derbyshire) has been picked as the reserve player for the £5,000 Charles Church international at Wembley on Saturday although Prean appeared to be a more obvious candidate.

Lawn Tennis

SALTZ UPSETS SEEDINGS

Danny Saltz, the defending champion, knocked fellow-American Dan Cassidy, the fourth seed, out of an international lawn tennis tournament in Auckland yesterday.

Saltz, unseeded, took only 85 minutes to defeat Cassidy 7-5, 6-3 in the first round.

"I think I might have overplayed and my results last year were not that good," he said afterwards. "If I had gone out in the first round of the tournament my ranking could have dropped about 100 places.

INTERNAT. T'MENT (Auckland).—First round: K. Evernden bt W. Long 6-2, 6-1; B. Dyke (Australia) bt J. Smith (GB) 6-7, 6-0, 6-3; D. Saltz (US) bt D. Cassidy (US) 7-5, 6-3; C. Miller (Australia) bt M. Tancutt (Australia) 6-2, 6-1; G. Layendecker (US) bt P. Johnston (Australia) 3-6, 6-1, 9-7; W. Masur (Australia) bt D. Mustard 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; K. Meiler (W. Germany) bt Mark Woodforde (US) 2-6, 6-4, 6-3; H. Sands (US) bt J. Cantor (US) 5-6, 6-3, 6-4; S. McCain (US) bt C. Stansbury (US) 6-4, 7-5.

Hockey

KERLY BACK FOR ENGLAND

By CHRIS MOORE

Sean Kerly, the free-scoring forward who became one of Britain's biggest heroes at the Los Angeles Olympics, returns to the England indoor squad for the Home Countries Championship at Cardiff this weekend.

Despite some devastating displays at the indoor game, he has rarely appeared in an England shirt and his return to the squad should add greater firepower to the attack.

Richard Leman, one of the key players when England won the silver medal in the European Championship last season, also makes a welcome return although both he and Kerly may have difficulty in adjusting to the tactics introduced by new coach Carl Ward.

Sterner test

England, rebuilding the squad after moving up to second place in the European rankings, have enjoyed some success in recent tournaments, but the Home Countries even should provide a much sterner test.

John Shaw, of Southgate, and Guy Lawson, of Fareham, are the players left out to make way for Kerly and Leman.

ENGLAND INDOOR SQUAD (for Home Countries Championship, Cardiff, Jan. 11-12).—J. Hurst (St Albans), D. Smith (Bromley), D. Faulkner (Fareham), N. Clark (S Nottingham), A. Hellings (St Albans), M. Grimley (Brooklands), R. Leman (E Grinstead), R. Clarke (Tribe Hill), P. Nicholson (Firebrands), C. Bradbury (Fareham), S. Kerly (Southgate), S. Port (St Albans).

OTHER SPORT TODAY

DARTS.—Embassy World Pro Ch'ship (Stoke-on-Trent).

REAL TENNIS. — Henry Leaf Cup (Queen's Club, London).

SNOOKER. — Mercantile Credit Classic (Spectrum Arena, Warrington).

SQUASH RACKETS. — American Express Premier Lge (6.30): Anglia v Edgbaston Priory, Leicester v Cannons, Redwood Lodge v Nottingham, Tyrells v Dunnings Mill.

F A Cup Draw

ANFIELD VISIT AWAITS SPURS OR CHARLTON

By DONALD SAUNDERS

PROSPECTS of the F A Cup's stay on Merseyside being extended by 12 months improved yesterday when Everton, the holders, and Liverpool, the League champions, were each drawn at home in the fourth round.

True, Everton face Doncaster, already established as giantkillers with their victory over Queen's Park Rangers, and Liverpool meet Tottenham, the League leaders, or Charlton, who gave their fellow-Londoners a fright at White Hart Lane on Saturday.

Fourth round

Nottingham Forest or Newcastle v Wimbledon
Chelsea or Wigan v Millwall or C. Palace
Everton v Doncaster
Notts C. or Grimsby v Watford
Barnsley v Brighton
Man. Utd v Coventry
Middlesbrough or Darlington v Telford
West Ham v Birmingham or Norwich
Oxford v Portsmouth or Blackburn
Luton or Stoke v Wolves or Huddersfield
Orient v Southampton
Liverpool v Spurs or Charlton
Leicester v Carlisle
Ipswich v Gillingham or Cardiff
York v Hereford or Arsenal
Sheff. Wed. v Oldham

To be played Jan. 26

Nevertheless, the route to Wembley must appear less fraught with danger from the Stanley Park area of Liverpool than it does from the North London homes of Spurs and Arsenal.

Though Everton were knocked out of the Milk Cup by Grimsby, a Second Division club, their emphatic 2-0 victory at Leeds which opened their defence of the F A Cup suggests they are now back into full stride.

Indeed, Billy Bremner, Doncaster's manager, is under no illusion about the size of his team's task. "Though it is a dream come true, we shall have to improve 200 per cent. on our performance against Rangers to get even a draw at Goodison," he said.

No complacency

Even so, Howard Kendall, Everton's manager, will make sure his players are not lulled into complacency. "We played Gillingham in the same round last year, starting off at home, and we had to go to two replays before beating them," he recalled.

Liverpool, having given their sagging confidence a lift with a 3-0 third round victory over Aston Villa, should view with equanimity a visit from either of their potential opponents.

Though Tottenham ended Liverpool's four-year hold on the Milk Cup at White Hart Lane last October they have not won at Anfield since 1912.

In some ways, the champions, knocked out by giantkillers—from Brighton—in each of the last two seasons should be more concerned about a visit by Charlton.

"This draw has certainly given us an incentive to beat Spurs in Wednesday's replay," commented Lennie Lawrence, **Charlton's** manager.

I suspect, however, that **Orient** have a better chance of representing London soccer in the fifth round. Having put paid to West Bromwich they now lie in waiting at Brisbane Road for **Southampton**, another fancied First Division club.

This match will bring Frank Clark, Orient's manager, into opposition with Peter Shilton, Southampton's goalkeeper, who played with him in Nottingham Forest's European Cup-winning side in 1979.

"I hope we can give Peter a few problems," said Mr Clark last night. "But it is no good the lads asking me for tips on how to beat him — I could never score against him in training."

With First Division clubs drawn at home in nine of the 16 ties, small fry have scarcely been offered much encouragement. Still, with Oxford due to play host to **Portsmouth or Blackburn** the Second Division can be sure of being represented in the last 16 by one of its strongest teams.

York, at home to **Arsenal or Hereford**, can enjoy the luxury of dreaming about a repetition of their 1955 achievement of reaching the semi-finals, where they took the ultimate winners, Newcastle, to a replay.

"If Arsenal win the replay with Hereford it will really set this city alight," said Dennis Smith, York's manager, who was in Stoke's losing side in semi-finals against the Londoners in 1971 and 1972. "On the other hand a home tie against Hereford would give us a better chance of reaching the fifth round."

No doubt **Manchester United**, having faced Bournemouth in the third round in consecutive seasons, will be glad to be rid of potential giantkillers and be drawn at home against opposition from their own division.

In contrast **Coventry**, who knocked Manchester City out on Saturday, cannot relish the prospect of trying to do likewise to United—at Old Trafford.

McINROY DIES

Albert McInroy, who kept goal for England against Northern Ireland in 1927, has died at the age of 85. He was a member of Newcastle's F A Cup-winning team against Arsenal in 1932.

Peter Shilton, the Southampton goalkeeper, who faces Orient, managed by Frank Clark, his former Nottingham Forest team-mate, in the fourth round

European Review — *By MICHAEL CALVIN*

Campbell reigns in Spain

ALAN CAMPBELL, overlooked by the Football League's extensive scouting system, is developing into one of the most unlikely celebrities of European football.

Campbell, a tall mobile striker, once harboured ambitions of following the well-worn route from Shamrock Rovers to the English First Division.

Yet, despite being the League of Ireland's leading scorer with 24 goals last season, he attracted so little League interest that he resigned himself to an anonymous career.

But when Jose Maria Maguregi, a keen student of the world game who specialises in finding players in outposts as far apart as Iceland and Africa, became manager of Racing Santander in Spain he made him his first signing.

Campbell, 24, has spectacularly rewarded that faith. His seventh goal of the season, two minutes from time, earned Santander a 1-0 win over Valladolid on Sunday.

Terry Venables, manager of a Barcelona team now seven points clear at the top of the League, voiced a common opinion when he said: "Alan looks a great prospect." Even Campbell admits that it is difficult to come to terms with his sudden elevation.

"Playing against Barcelona in the Nou Camp Stadium was the highlight of my life so far," he said.

"At Shamrock a crowd of 4,000 was a big one. But here I was playing in front of 115,000 people.

"Obviously I was disappointed when no one from England came for me, but I have no ambitions in that direction at the moment. I'm very happy to be making a name for myself in Spain."

Armstrong deal

Gerry Armstrong, the Northern Ireland international who has exploited the impact he made in the 1982 World Cup final, is poised to agree a new contract with Real Mallorca.

He still believes the club can return to the Spanish First Division at the first attempt but, even if they fail in their promotion challenge, he says he has settled down well on the holiday island.

Steve Archibald who scored twice in sub-zero temperatures to seal Barcelona's 4-2 victory at Real Zaragoza reinforced his position as a successful import. Tottenham, his former club, can meanwhile draw satisfaction from the growing crisis at Real Madrid.

Amancio Amora, their manager, was called in for a "chat" with directors after the goal-less home draw with Gijon, which featured a penalty miss by Juanito, Real's recalled Spanish international.

Such an invitation is traditionally as comforting as being asked to line up against a wall by a Mafia hit-squad and the betting in Madrid is that Amancio will be sacked before the UEFA Cup quarter-final against Spurs in March.

Even if he survives, the damage inflicted by dressing-room disharmony may be beyond repair. Juan Lozano has been fined £2,500 for saying: "Working with Amancio is enough to demoralise anyone. He is like a corpse."

Stielike, the influential West German, has compounded the manager's problems by becoming involved in a prolonged public slanging match with Butragueno, Real's goal-scoring discovery.

Stielike objected violently when the young forward, who is so arrogant that team-mates are begining to refuse to share a room with him, attempted to dictate tactics.

More cynical observers of the Spanish scene are predicting that Butragueno may find himself a target in training.

WELSH FA CLOSE TO COLLAPSE

By ROGER MALONE

THE Welsh FA is in danger of going broke, its secretary Alun Evans warned last night.

He sounded the alarm after announcing a home international friendly against Norway on Feb. 26, and added that cash starvation would mean the end of Welsh participation in world and European international competitions, of Welsh clubs in Europe, "and indeed of any Welsh clubs playing outside our country."

Wales' financial nosedive has been dangerously accelerated by English and Scottish decisions to end the British Championship, denying the Welsh their best gates and television fees.

Also, rising costs are not being met by generally disappointing income from Wales' recent fixtures in World and European competition.

Salvation in levy

The Welsh are now on the verge of having to dip into their modest reserves of about £200,000. As it takes about £150,000 a year to run their association, the critical nature of their declining position is clear.

Mr Evans sees salvation from imposing an annual £5 levy on the 20,000 players — amateur, part- and full-time professionals —in the Principality.

Yet he is getting feedback of opposition to a levy. The ordinary village footballers from the valleys and the hillsides, many facing a time of economic depression, are pointing out their predecessors were never asked to put hands in their pockets for the national association.

Some Welsh players may also fear a levy is needed merely to finance junketing by officials on overseas international trips.

Urgently required

Mr Evans, who already has had to supervise the disbanding of Wales from international under-21 competition because it could no longer be afforded, said: "I can assure everybody that is not the case. The levy is urgently required to keep Wales alive as a national body."

Thus the Council meeting of the Welsh FA at Birmingham on Feb. 6 becomes crucial in Mr Evans' view. "If commonsense prevails, there will be a unanimous verdict to introduce the levy," he said—while fearing that some Council members may be under pressure from their local constituents to vote against.

"All our money at the moment comes from professional football, yet the administration of junior fooball has become much more sophisticated and therefore costly.

"A levy on all players—after all it only works out at ten pence a match—represents the difference between the Welsh FA remaining alive or not."

Mr Evans, said: "If we are not careful, we could end up as just another County association of the English FA—and no Welshman wants that, surely?"

McGOVERN GETS BOLTON RELEASE

Struggling Third Division side Bolton Wanderers yesterday parted company with manager John McGovern.

Club chairman Neal Riley said: "We have been having discussions over the past few days. We talked about our Christmas matches, league position and generally about where the club goes from here. Mr McGovern came back and felt that, after our discussions, he would like to be released from his contract."

Snooker

White beaten by 48th-ranked King

By JANICE HALE

JIMMY WHITE, one of the favourites for the Mercantile Credit Classic, failed to reach the quarter-finals when he was beaten 5-2 yesterday by Warren King, the former Australian Amateur Champion, at the Spectrum Arena, Warrington.

In a below-par performance, the Londoner dropped the first frame after a loose safety shot allowed King in for a brown to black clearance.

King, who beat John Spencer to qualify for the last 16, then compiled frame-winning breaks of 90 and 84 to lead 3-1 at the interval.

On the resumption, King, ranked 48th in the world, went three up with four to play before White, 22, reduced the lead by winning an undistinguished sixth frame.

White, who defends the Benson & Hedges title later this month, led 49-26 with only one red remaining in the seventh but, after a safety duel, he left the red potable. King sank it, missed the yellow and, later, also failed with the green.

Just when it appeared that King's nerve might be beginning to falter, he fluked the green and went on to take the remaining colours to win the frame on the black.

He therefore secured his first-ever place in the quarter-finals of a major professional tournament.

Late on Sunday, Terry Griffiths, the No. 8 seed, nearly had his 4-0 lead eradicated by Rex Williams, the former billiards world champion. Williams won the following three frames before Griffiths took the pink and black in the eighth to secure a 5-3 victory.

2nd Rd: W. King (Australia) bt J. White (Wimbledon) 5-2. Frames: 67-58, 11-76, 94-0, 80-1, 78-56, 47-67, 60-49.

J. Johnson (Bradford) bt C. Wilson (Caldicot) 5-0. Frames (Johnson first): 59-45, 60-50, 52-45, 66-42, 65-53.

Basketball

KINGSTON WIN IN EXTRA TIME

By RICHARD TAYLOR

KINGCRAFT KINGSTON fought back from 14 points down to beat FSO Cars Manchester United 103-98 after one period of overtime in the Kellogs National Cup Final at the Albert Hall last night. The full-time score was 93-93.

Once Bontrager and Innell had clawed back United's early seven-point lead, the teams traded baskets with Kingston shooting a high percentage from outside while Irish countered by scoring and drawing fouls close to the basket.

Breathless task

Keeping track became a breathless task for the players and half the crowd because of the placing of the only scoreboard at one end of the court. The organisers claimed this was due to the breakdown of the other device.

There was frustration also for Martin Edwards, the chairman of Manchester United, the soccer club, earlier in the day when neither the basketball association nor Channel Four, who televised the match, would agree to calling his club by their new name.

Weekend Pools Guide

Compiled by *TREVOR WILLIAMSON*

SELECTIONS

TREBLE CHANCE (Home Teams).—**Luton, Norwich, Carlisle, Fulham, Grimsby, Brentford, Lincoln, Crewe, Peterboro, Rochdale, Hearts, Brechin.**

DRAWS.—Luton, Norwich, Carlisle, Grimsby, Lincoln, Crewe.

AWAYS.—Watford, Liverpool, Barnsley, Derby, Doncaster, Blackpool.

HOMES.—Arsenal, Everton, Leicester, Man. Utd, Sheff. Wed., Notts Co., Portsmouth, Wimbledon, Bradford, Millwall, York, Darlington.

FIXED ODDS.—Homes: Arsenal, Everton, Portsmouth, Millwall, Rangers. Aways: Watford, Liverpool, Aberdeen. Draws: Luton, Grimsby, Brechin.

SEQUENCES

GAMES SINCE DRAW

Manchester United	20
West Bromwich	14
Ipswich	13
Bradford	12
Gillingham	12
Morton	12
Bristol City	12
Sunderland	10
Tranmere	10

SINCE HOME WIN

Wolverhampton Wanderers	7
Cardiff	4
Crewe	4
Preston	4
Burnley	3
Sunderland	3

SINCE HOME DEFEAT

Millwall	17
Bournemouth	10
Chesterfield	10
Aston Villa	9
Darlington	8
C. Palace	7
Gillingham	7

SINCE HOME DRAW

Fulham	17
Grimsby	16
Darlington	12
Man. Utd	11
Falkirk	10
Bournemouth	9
Carlisle	9
Clydebank	9
Halifax	9
Huddersfield	8
Bradford City	7

SINCE AWAY WIN

Newport County	18
Stoke	13
Partick	11
Hibs	10
Shrewsbury	10

SINCE AWAY DEFEAT

Tottenham Hotspur	7
Blackburn	6
Wigan	6
Birmingham	4
Blackpool	4
Brighton & Hove A	4

SINCE AWAY DRAW

Birmingham City	14
Middlesbrough	14
Walsall	13
Leeds	12
St Mirren	11
Wrexham	11

FORM AT A GLANCE

Chart shows Cup, League and League Cup games only with most recent matches on the right. W—win; L—defeat; S—score-draw; D—0-0.

DIVISION I

Last Five Home Games	Home		Away	Last Five Away Games	Fcst
W W W S L	Arsenal	v	Ipswich	L W L L W	1
S W D W W	A. Villa	v	Watford	S W L S W	2
L S W L W	Everton	v	Newcastle	L L L L S	1
W W S W L	Leicester	v	Stoke	L S L L S	1
S W L W S	Luton	v	Nottm. For.	W L L W L	X
W W W L W	Man. Utd	v	Coventry	L L L L L	1
W W W L W	Norwich	v	Southampton	W L L W W	X
W D W L S	Q.P.R.	v	Spurs	D S W W W	2
W W S W S	Sheff. Wed.	v	W.B.A.	W L W L L	1
D W L L L	Sunderland	v	Liverpool	W L D W S	2

DIVISION II

Last Five Home Games	Home		Away	Last Five Away Games	Fcst
W L L L D	Cardiff	v	Barnsley	D D S L S	2
W W L L W	Carlisle	v	Birmingham	L W W W W	X
S S W S W	C. Palace	v	Brighton	L W S W W	2
L W W W L	Fulham	v	Oxford	L L L W W	X
L W L W W	Grimsby	v	Blackburn	S W W S D	X
W W W L W	Huddersfield	v	Manch. City	W W L S L	1
L W W D S	Notts Co.	v	Sheffield U.	S L W L L	1
L W D L W	Oldham	v	Charlton	S L L S S	1
S W W S D	Portsmouth	v	Leeds	W L W W L	1
S S L W W	Wimbledon	v	Shrewsbury	S L L S D	1
L L L L S	Wolves	v	Middlesbro	L W L L W	1

DIVISION III

Last Five Home Games	Home		Away	Last Five Away Games	Fcst
W L W D D	Bolton	v	Derby	L L W L W	2
W W W W W	Bournemouth	v	Hull	S W S W L	2
W W W L W	Bradford	v	Wigan	S S S W S	1
W W S L W	Brentford	v	Walsall	W L W L L	X
W W L W W	Bristol C.	v	Newport	L L L S S	1
L W S L L	Burnley	v	Doncaster	L L W W L	2
W W W W W	Gillingham	v	Orient	W L L L D	1
W S W L W	Lincoln	v	Rotherham	L W W L W	X
W W S W S	Millwall	v	Cambridge	L S L D L	1
W L S L S	Preston	v	Bristol Rov.	L W W W L	2
W W L W S	Reading	v	Plymouth	L W L L L	1
W S W L W	York	v	Swansea	L L S L L	1

DIVISION IV

Last Five Home Games	Home		Away	Last Five Away Games	Fcst
L S L L W	Chester	v	Aldershot	S L L L W	1
S W W D W	Chesterfield	v	Northampton	W S D L L	1
W L S L L	Crewe	v	Tranmere	L S W L L	X
W W W W W	Darlington	v	Southend	L W S S L	1
S L L W D	Exeter	v	Blackpool	L W W W W	2
L W W W L	Halifax	v	Bury	L W L W W	2
W W S L W	Peterboro'	v	Hereford	S W D S D	X
D W L S W	Pt Vale	v	Wrexham	L L L L L	1
L S S W W	Rochdale	v	Mansfield	L L L D W	X
W L W S W	Stockport	v	Torquay	W L L L L	1
W L W W W	Swindon	v	Hartlepool	S L L W L	1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—Premier Division

Last Five Home Games	Home		Away	Last Five Away Games	Fcst
L S S L W	Dumbarton	v	Celtic	L W L W W	2
W W S W W	Dundee Utd	v	Dundee	D L L D L	1
D L L W W	Hearts	v	St Mirren	L L W L W	X
W L W L L	Morton	v	Aberdeen	W W W S L	2
D L S W L	Rangers	v	Hibs	D S L L L	1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—Division I

Last Five Home Games	Home		Away	Last Five Away Games	Fcst
L W S W W	Ayr	v	St Johnstone	W W L S L	1
S L W W W	Brechin	v	Motherwell	W L L L D	X
S W W L W	Clyde	v	Airdrie	S L S L L	2
L W W L W	Clydebank	v	Forfar	L S D L S	1
W S D L W	E. Fife	v	Partick	L D L L L	1
L W W W L	Falkirk	v	Kilmarnock	L L L L L	1

Football League & Scottish tables

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Tottnhm	23	7	3	1	29	12	7	1	4	18	11	46
Everton	23	7	3	2	31	15	7	1	3	18	14	46
Man Utd	23	8	3	1	24	8	4	2	5	17	21	41
Arsenal	23	8	3	1	25	9	4	0	7	18	21	39
Sheff W	23	6	4	1	23	13	4	4	4	14	11	38
Sthmptn	23	6	2	3	11	10	4	5	3	18	17	37
Nottm F	23	8	1	2	23	13	3	2	7	13	21	36
Chelsea	23	8	1	3	26	12	1	7	3	13	16	35
Liverpl	23	4	4	3	13	9	5	4	3	16	13	35
WBA	23	7	2	2	24	11	3	2	7	13	23	34
Norwich	23	7	3	1	20	10	2	3	7	10	20	33
W Ham	23	5	3	4	15	12	3	4	4	15	22	31
Watford	23	4	4	4	26	22	3	4	4	19	20	29
QPR	23	5	4	2	21	14	2	4	6	9	23	29
Leicester	23	6	2	4	29	18	2	2	7	13	27	28
A Villa	23	6	4	2	20	13	1	3	7	11	25	28
Newcstle	23	6	3	3	21	15	1	4	6	16	30	28
Sundrlnd	23	6	2	3	17	13	1	3	8	12	22	26
Ipswich	23	4	4	4	15	15	1	3	7	6	18	22
Coventry	23	5	3	4	15	13	1	1	9	10	29	22
Luton	23	4	4	3	16	13	1	2	9	11	30	21
Stoke	23	2	2	7	13	24	0	3	9	4	28	11

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Blackbrn	23	9	1	1	26	9	5	4	3	20	13	47
Oxford	21	10	1	0	39	9	4	3	3	12	9	46
Brmnghm	23	5	4	1	14	10	9	0	3	19	11	46
Portsmth	23	7	4	1	24	15	4	4	3	15	17	41
Man City	23	8	2	1	21	8	3	5	4	14	12	40
Leeds	23	6	4	2	23	10	5	0	6	17	19	37
Hddrsfld	23	6	2	3	17	17	5	2	5	16	16	37
Barnsley	23	7	2	2	16	7	2	7	2	9	8	36
Grimsby	23	8	0	4	27	17	3	3	5	19	22	36
Brighton	23	5	4	2	11	6	5	2	5	13	11	36
Fulham	23	8	0	3	22	15	3	3	6	20	26	36
Shrewsbry	23	6	3	2	26	16	2	5	5	14	19	32
Wmbldn	23	5	3	3	22	20	4	1	7	20	28	31
Carlisle	23	5	2	4	11	9	3	3	7	13	25	28
Sheff U	23	4	3	5	20	18	1	5	5	15	22	23
Charlton	23	4	4	4	21	18	2	1	7	17	23	23
C Palace	22	3	5	2	15	12	2	3	7	12	22	23
Middlsbr	23	3	4	4	13	18	3	0	8	15	20	22
Oldham	22	5	2	5	15	16	2	2	7	8	26	22
Wolves	23	4	2	6	15	19	2	1	8	13	30	21
Notts Co	22	3	2	6	10	18	1	2	9	11	26	15
Cardiff	23	2	2	8	14	28	1	2	8	11	23	13

DIVISION III

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Bradfrd	23	8	2	1	17	6	7	2	3	18	11	49
Hull	23	9	2	1	24	7	3	6	2	14	15	44
Gllnghm	23	7	3	1	30	15	6	0	6	13	23	42
Rothrhm	23	6	4	1	23	14	6	1	5	12	8	41
Bristol R	23	8	3	0	20	7	4	2	5	16	17	41
Millwall	22	9	2	0	23	7	2	4	5	16	20	39
Derby	23	9	3	0	25	12	2	2	7	13	16	38
Bristol C	23	8	2	1	23	12	2	4	6	13	18	36
Bmemth	23	9	1	2	20	7	1	4	6	5	11	35
Wigan	23	7	2	2	14	7	2	6	4	13	19	35
York	23	6	3	2	25	12	4	1	7	17	22	34
Doncastr	23	7	2	3	24	14	3	2	6	16	19	34
Walsall	22	3	6	2	13	10	5	2	4	15	16	32
Reading	23	5	3	4	17	16	4	2	5	14	20	32
Brentfrd	23	6	2	3	19	13	2	4	6	8	18	30
Newport	24	7	2	3	18	12	0	6	6	9	19	29
Lincoln	21	5	5	2	21	11	1	3	7	7	15	26
Plym'th	23	5	4	3	19	15	1	3	7	17	24	25
Bolton	23	7	3	2	22	8	0	0	11	13	35	24
Burnley	23	3	4	5	15	15	2	3	6	15	20	22
Orient	23	4	1	6	17	24	2	2	8	9	18	21
Preston	23	4	3	5	18	24	2	0	9	10	31	21
Swansea	23	3	1	7	13	21	2	2	8	13	27	18
Cmbridg	23	2	1	8	8	19	1	3	8	12	24	13

DIVISION IV

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Bury	23	8	2	1	25	8	7	3	2	16	10	50
Blackpl	25	8	4	0	21	6	6	2	5	20	18	48
Herefrd	23	10	1	1	21	5	4	4	3	17	11	47
Chestfld	23	8	3	0	24	8	4	5	3	15	15	44
Darlngtn	22	8	1	1	19	6	4	7	1	12	9	44
Tranmre	24	10	0	3	31	15	3	1	7	14	22	40
Peterbro	24	9	1	1	22	10	3	3	7	12	19	40
Colchestr	25	6	3	2	24	17	4	4	4	21	22	37
Hartlepl	23	5	5	2	16	12	4	2	5	12	16	34
Crewe	24	6	1	5	19	18	4	3	5	14	18	34
Swindon	23	7	2	3	22	13	2	3	6	10	20	32
Mansfld	22	6	2	3	13	6	2	5	4	5	8	31
P Vale	23	5	4	3	18	12	3	2	6	12	18	30
Scunthrp	21	5	3	2	22	14	2	4	5	11	15	28
Southnd	24	5	4	3	19	19	2	3	7	16	28	28
Aldersht	24	4	5	3	17	13	3	0	8	14	22	26
Stockprt	22	6	3	3	22	13	1	2	7	7	24	26
N'thmptn	24	4	1	7	18	19	3	1	8	14	24	23
Rochdle	22	3	4	5	13	14	2	3	5	8	17	22
Exeter	23	3	6	3	15	13	1	2	8	12	30	20
Halifax	21	3	0	5	8	12	3	2	8	8	22	20
Torquay	24	2	6	5	11	17	2	1	8	11	22	19
Wrexhm	22	4	3	5	23	18	1	0	9	12	23	18
Chester	22	3	2	5	12	14	1	4	7	9	22	18

SCOTTISH LGE—Prem. Div.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Abrdeen	22	8	2	1	25	7	8	1	2	22	9	35
Celtic	21	7	2	1	29	7	6	3	2	20	13	31
Rangers	22	4	5	2	10	5	5	5	1	19	11	28
Dund U	22	7	1	3	27	16	4	3	4	11	9	26
St Mirrn	22	5	2	4	13	13	5	1	5	15	21	23
Hearts	22	5	1	5	14	14	5	1	5	15	21	22
Dundee	22	4	2	5	17	15	2	3	6	12	19	17
Dumbrtn	22	3	3	5	14	17	2	3	6	10	17	16
Hibs	22	2	3	6	13	17	1	2	8	5	23	11
Morton	21	3	1	7	14	25	1	0	9	7	32	9

SCOTTISH LGE—Div. I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Airdrie	22	8	1	2	26	13	4	3	4	16	12	28
Clydbnk	21	8	1	2	18	7	3	5	2	15	14	28
Forfar	23	7	4	1	23	8	3	3	5	17	20	27
Hamilton	23	6	1	4	16	13	5	3	4	14	17	26
Motherwll	23	6	3	3	18	10	4	2	5	17	18	25
Falkirk	23	5	1	5	29	26	6	2	4	19	18	25
Clyde	23	5	3	3	21	16	3	5	4	12	14	24
Brechin	23	5	2	4	48	15	3	2	5	16	18	24
E Fife	23	2	5	4	15	15	5	4	3	21	16	23
Ayr	22	6	3	2	18	14	1	3	7	10	20	20
Klmrnck	23	4	6	2	13	13	2	0	9	7	26	18
St Jhnstn	22	3	2	6	15	19	4	1	6	19	23	17
Partick	22	5	3	3	16	13	0	3	8	8	24	16
Mdwbnk	23	4	4	4	20	19	0	3	8	10	26	15

SCOTTISH LGE—Div. II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Alloa	21	7	3	1	22	7	6	2	2	16	10	31
Montrse	20	6	2	2	15	13	7	1	2	13	8	29
Dnfrmln	21	4	5	2	20	11	6	2	2	15	8	27
Cwdnbth	20	5	1	3	19	12	4	3	4	18	13	22
Stenraer	20	5	1	3	22	13	4	3	4	11	16	22
Stenhsmr	20	4	2	4	11	15	4	4	2	13	12	22
Raith	21	4	1	5	13	12	4	4	3	19	19	21
Strlng A	21	2	5	3	14	13	3	4	4	17	14	19
Berwick	21	3	5	3	13	12	2	3	5	10	12	18
Qun o' S	20	3	4	4	17	16	2	3	4	8	11	17
Qns Pk	20	3	2	5	13	13	1	1	6	14	24	15
E Stirlng	20	2	4	5	13	15	1	4	4	10	17	14
Arbroath	21	2	2	6	9	21	3	2	6	10	21	14
Albion R	18	3	0	6	7	14	3	1	5	12	22	13

Burton decide on official protest

By ROGER MALONE

BURTON ALBION last night decided to lodge an official protest to the F A "about incidents which took place" in their 6-1 F A Cup defeat by Leicester on Saturday.

The non-League club, in a letter to be handed in at Lancaster Gate today by Bill Royall, their chairman, are asking the F A "to take whatever action they consider appropriate." Clearly they would welcome the rare occurrence of the tie being ordered to be played.

Burton's board met for two hours to consider the implications of their goalkeeper being knocked unconscious by a large piece of wood hurled from the crowd at Derby, where the tie had been played to attract a bigger crowd.

The score at the time, after 25 minutes, was 1-1. Paul Evans, Burton's captain as well as their goalkeeper, resumed in a concussed state and still has no recall of Leicester's second and third goals.

Burton's case is that Evans was incapacitated unfairly.

"We are anxious not to appear to be telling the F A what to do, but we feel there is an important principle at stake when it is considered what happened to our team on Saturday," said Dave Mellor, the secretary, after last night's meeting.

Manager's view

Neil Warnock, Burton's manager, had made his feelings known. "It will be giving a licence to hooligans to decide results of matches if a replay is not ordered," he said.

Mr Royal had said before the meeting began: "Our interests are for our club—but also for fair play in football."

The case for the tie to be replayed appears clear, and it would seem difficult for the F A to disagree.

First, though, they have to consider the report of Brian Hill, the referee, as well as Burton's letter of protest. Mr Hill's report is understood to state there was a four-minute delay at the Baseball Ground while Evans, a solicitor, was receiving attention after being laid out by a missile.

A decision to replay will reflect unfavourably on Mr Hill's decision not to have allowed much longer for Evans's condition to be diagnosed—or indeed not to have abandoned the match because a player was seriously injured by crowd misbehaviour.

If the F A's action falls short of ordering a replay Burton and their supporters are likely to feel there is one law for the rich but another for the poor.

Already this season Rapid Vienna have reached round three of the Cup Winners' Cup only because their defeat at Celtic was annulled after one of their players was wounded by a missile from the Parkhead crowd.

CASH CRISIS AT DULWICH

By NEIL SCOTT

DULWICH HAMLET, among the most famous clubs in part-time soccer, are in danger of financial collapse unless a buyer is found soon for their spacious Champion Hill ground.

The Servowarm Isthmian club's money situation is fast approaching crisis point, mainly because of high interest charges on cash borrowed to build a night club at the ground four years ago.

John Lawrence, a Dulwich official, said: "We exist on a day-to-day basis, but are finding it increasingly difficult to pay off interest charges, and unless something is done soon, the club could fold."

The night club has not proved the money-spinner that Dulwich hoped would provide enough income to run the football side of the 92-year-old club.

Seven years to go

Champion Hill is owned by the Office Cleaning Services company, and Dulwich have seven years to run on their present lease, plus an option to stay for a further 21 years.

The ground, which can hold 20,000 spectators and has staged one F A amateur Cup final (1935) and several amateur international matches, has been up for sale for two years.

Negotiations with a potential purchaser, Kings College Medical School, have yet to produce a firm offer. With time and funds running out, Dulwich are growing anxious about their survival.

Mr Lawrence said: "We want to find a buyer who will develop the considerable potential at Champion Hill, perhaps with a multi-sports complex, but with the football club as the focal point."

Dulwich believe that with the right financial backing, they could emulate Wimbledon, a former Isthmian club, and progress to the Football League.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL

POSTPONED

CANON LEAGUE.—Div. IV: Southend v Colchester.

SOUTHERN LGE.—Bill Dellow Cup, 3rd Rd: Waterlooville v Basingstoke.

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LGE. — Prem. Div.: Bognor v Tooting.

FA YOUTH CUP.—3rd Rd: Fulham v Bournemouth, Newcastle v Leeds, Norwich v QPR, Swindon v West Ham, Watford v Orient.

OVERSEAS SOCCER

ITALIAN LGE.—Como 2, Avellino 1; Cremonese 2, Ascoli 0—Inter 0, Roma 0—Napoli 4, Udinese 3—Sampdoria 1, Juventus 1—Torino 2, Fiorentina 2—Verona 1, Atalanta 1—Lazio 0, Milan 1. Leading positions: Verona 14 games, 22 pts; Torino 14-20; Inter 14-20.

SPANISH LGE. — Malaga 1, Real Sociedad 3—Real Betis 0, Real Murcia 2—Espanol 3, Valencia 2—Elche 2, Hercules 0—Real Zaragoza 2, Barcelona 4—Real Madrid 0, Sporting 0—Racing 1, Real Valladolid 0—Ath Bilbao 0, Sevilla 0. Postponed: Osasuna v At Madrid (snow). Leading positions: Barcelona 19 games, 31 pts; Real Madrid 19-24; Valencia 19-21.

FOOTBALL TODAY

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated.

F.A. CUP—3rd Round

Gillingham v Cardiff (postponed)

3rd Round Replays

Arsenal v Hereford
Blackburn v Portsmouth (postponed)
C. Palace v Millwall (7.45)
Darlington v Middlesbrough
Grimsby v Notts Co.
Huddersfield v Wolves
Wigan v Chelsea (postponed)

CANON LEAGUE—Div III

Cambridge v Bradford

WELSH CUP.—4th Rd: Wrexham v Barry.

FOOTBALL COMB. — Chelsea v Reading (2.15), Southampton v Watford. Postponed: Birmingham v C Palace, Brighton v Fulham, Charlton v West Ham, Swansea v Ipswich.

CENTRAL LGE (7 pm).—Div 1: Coventry v Manchester Utd, Liverpool v Huddersfield. Postponed: Derby v Sheffield Wed. Div II: Blackpool v York, Leeds v Port Vale, Middlesbrough v Grimsby, Oldham v Preston, Rotherham v Bolton. Postponed: Burnley v Wigan.

SOUTHERN LGE. — Prem Div: Gravesend v Willenhall. Bill Dellow Cup, 3rd Rd: Fisher v Folkestone.

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LGE.—Hitachi Cup, 3rd Rd: Aveley v Lewes, Lewton-Winnate v Harrow, Wycombe v B Stortford. League, Div II North: Kingsbury v Berkhamsted, Letchworth v Heybridge. Div II South: Hungerford Town v Egham.

LONDON SPARTAN LGE CUP.—2nd Rd: Redhill v Beckton (7.45).

SCHOOLS.—ESFA Under-19 County Ch'ship: Bucks v Beds (Chalfont St Peter), Kent v Inner London (Gay Dawn Farm, 2 pm).

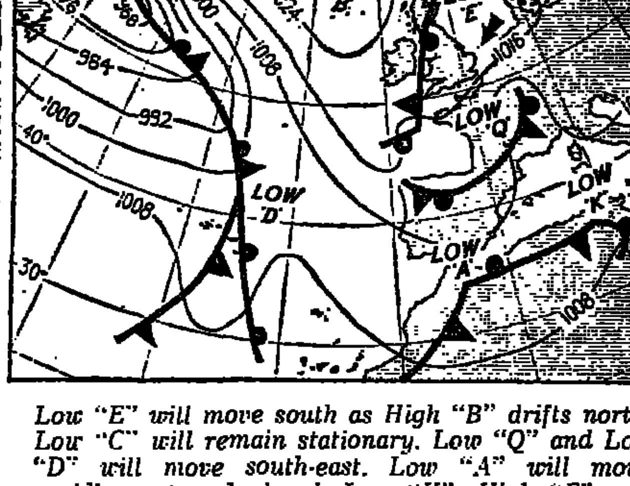
RUGBY UNION. — Flowers Glos Cup, Final: Berry Hill v Coney Hill (Kingsholm, 7 pm). Hertford Floodlit Cup, Semi-final: Hertford v Tabard (Hertford RFC, Hoe Lane, Ware).

SQUASH RACKETS

BRITISH UNDER-19 OPEN JUNIOR FINAL (Cannons Club, London).—D. Harris (Essex) bt C. Walte (Cape) 9-2, 9-7, 9-1.

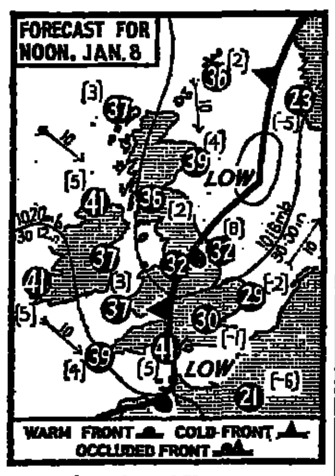
BRITISH UNDER-16 GIRLS' FINAL (Gloucester Country Club).—C. Mell (Essex) bt D. Vardy (Notts) 9-4, 4-9, 8-10, 9-3, 9-1.

ATLANTIC WEATHER—Noon Jan. 7



Low "E" will move south as High "B" drifts north. Low "C" will remain stationary. Low "Q" and Low "D" will move south-east. Low "A" will move rapidly east and absorb Low "K". High "F" will move east.

BRITISH ISLES



Issued at 6.30 p.m.

Black circles show temperatures expected in Fahrenheit. The equivalent temperature in Centigrade is given alongside in brackets. Arrows indicate wind direction and speed in m.p.h. Pressures in millibars and inches.

BRITISH RESORTS

Reports for the 24 hours to 6 p.m. yesterday:

	Sun hrs.	Rain ins.	Max. Temps. F	C	Weather (day)
East					
Scarboro'	1.4	0.01	34	1	Snow
Bridlington	0.3	—	32	0	Cloudy
Cromer	1.2	—	32	0	Snow
Lowestoft	—	0.19	28	-2	Snow
Clacton	0.6	0.20	28	-2	Sn. pm
Margate	—	0.20	28	-2	Bright
South					
Folkestone	5.6	0.01	28	-2	Sunny
Hastings	6.1	0.09	28	-2	Sunny
Eastb'rne	6.3	0.10	28	-2	Sunny
Brighton	—	—	27	-3	Sn. pm
Worthing	6.2	—	30	-1	Sunny
Bognor	5.8	—	28	-2	Sunny
Southsea	6.0	—	30	-1	Sunny
Sandown	4.5	—	30	-1	Sun am
Shanklin	4.3	—	28	-2	Bright
Ventnor	4.6	—	28	-2	Bright
B'mouth	5.8	—	30	-1	Snow
Poole	6.4	—	30	-1	Sunny
Swanage	6.6	—	30	-1	Sunny
Weymouth	6.5	—	30	-1	Sunny
Exmouth	5.0	0.01	30	-1	Sunny
Teignm'th	4.3	—	32	0	Sunny
Torquay	3.2	—	32	0	Sunny
Falmouth	3.7	0.04	34	1	Sunny
Penzance	4.6	0.07	32	0	Hail
Jersey	5.8	0.01	32	0	Snow
Guernsey	1.3	—	36	2	Sn. pm
West					
Newquay	5.2	0.03	34	1	Sunny
Ilfrac'be	5.3	—	34	1	Sunny
Tenby	6.4	0.03	34	1	Sunny
Southport	1.7	0.28	37	3	Cloudy
Morec'be	0.6	—	32	0	Sn. pm
Douglas	—	0.01	36	2	Sn. pm
Scotland					
Prestwick	0.1	—	36	2	Cloudy
Glasgow	0.3	—	39	4	Bright
Tiree	2.5	—	43	6	Shrs pm
Stornoway	3.1	0.02	41	5	Showers
Lerwick	3.3	0.10	37	3	Showers
Wick	0.4	0.04	39	4	Showers
Kinloss	—	0.11	41	5	Shrs pm
Aberdeen	0.1	0.50	39	4	Sleet
St Andr's	—	0.13	36	2	Cldy pm
Edinburgh	—	0.05	36	2	Snow
Nthn Ireland					
Belfast	1.9	—	37	3	Sunny
Lake Dist.					
Ambleside	—	—	37	3	Cloudy
Kendal	—	0.04	35	2	Sn. shrs
Keswick	—	0.23	36	2	Cloudy

LONDON READINGS

Max. temp. (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) 30F (−1C); min. temp. (6 p.m. to 6 a.m.) 25F (−4C); rainfall: trace; sunshine: 4·9 hours.

In Britain yesterday (daytime): Warmest: Orsay 43F (6C); coldest: Wattisham 25F (−4C); wettest: Aberdeen 0·5in.; sunniest: Swanage 6·6 hours.

Lighting-up time 4.41 p.m. to 7.34 a.m. Sun rises 8.4 a.m. Sets 4.11 p.m. Moon rises 3.5 p.m. Sets 10.5 a.m. tomorrow High water at: London Bridge 2.27 a.m. (22.8ft); 2.49 p.m. (23ft); Dover 11.40 a.m. (20.8ft).

HOME AND ABROAD

		F	C			F	C
Ajaccio	sn	34	1	Lima	c	77	25
Akrotiri	s	66	19	Lisbon	s	43	6
Alxndria	s	72	22	Locarno	s	21	-6
Algiers	c	52	11	London	s	28	-2
Amstrdm	s	18	-8	*L Angles	c	61	16
Ascension	c	81	27	Luxmbg	sn	10	-12
Athens	f	64	18	Luxor	s	75	24
Bahrain	s	64	18	Malta	c	59	15
*Brbados	f	81	27	Mnchestr	c	30	-1
Beirut	s	63	20	Melborne	f	68	20
Belfast	c	34	1	*Mxico C	s	57	14
Belgrde	sn	12	-11	Miami	s	64	18
Berlin	s	5	-15	Milan	s	25	-5
*Bernda	f	64	18	Montreal	c	-2	-19
Biarritz	sn	32	0	Moscow	f	19	-7
Brmnghm	s	27	-3	Munich	s	12	-13
Blackpool	c	32	0	Nairobi	s	79	26
Bordeaux	f	30	-1	Naples	c	38	4
*Boston	f	36	2	Newcstle	c	32	0
Boulogne	s	21	-6	N Delhi	fg	54	12
Bristol	f	30	-1	New Yrk	c	44	7
Brussels	s	16	-9	Oporto	s	45	7
Budapest	s	16	-9	Oslo	f	9	-13
*B Aires	f	79	26	Paris	sn	16	-9
Cairo	s	72	22	Peking	s	28	-2
Cape Tn	f	75	25	Perth	s	79	26
Cardiff	s	30	-1	P Stanly	c	57	14
Casablnca	f	55	13	Prague	s	18	0
Cologne	c	18	-8	Reykjvk	fg	30	-1
Copnhgn	s	18	-8	Rhodes	s	64	18
*Chicago	s	34	1	*R d Jan	f	81	27
Corfu	c	52	11	Riyadh	s	64	18
*Denver	s	43	6	Rome	c	30	-1
Dublin	c	39	4	Salzburg	s	5	-15
Dubrovnk	c	37	3	*S Fran	c	48	9
Edinbrgh	sl	36	2	*Santiago	s	90	32
Faro	s	54	12	*S Pulo	dr	75	25
Florence	s	30	-1	Strasbrg	f	13	-11
Frankfurt	s	30	-1	Stckhlm	s	3	-16
Funchal	f	63	17	Sydney	s	79	26
Geneva	c	12	-11	Tangier	f	59	15
Gibraltar	f	55	13	Tel Aviv	s	72	22
Glasgow	f	37	3	Tenerife	dr	66	19
Guernsy	sn	30	-1	Toronto	sn	16	-9
Helsinki	s	-9	-23	Tokyo	s	45	8
Hng Kng	c	64	18	Tunis	f	54	12
Innsbrck	s	5	-15	*Vancvr	fg	28	-3
Inverness	c	39	4	Venice	s	25	-5
I.o.M.	c	36	2	Vienna	s	5	-15
Istanbul	c	39	4	Warsaw	s	1	-17
Jersey	sn	30	-1	Wellngtn	c	66	19
Karachi	s	72	22	Zurich	s	7	-14
Larnaca	s	66	19				
L Palmas	f	72	22				

Key: c—cloudy, f—fair, fg—fog, r—rain, s—sunny, sl—sleet, sn—snow, dr—drizzle.

Temps: (F&C) lunchtime generally. Asterisk indicated previous day's readings.

SKI-ING CONDITIONS

The following reports were supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain:

	Depth l	Depth u	Conditions Piste	o.P.	Weather	&Tmp(F)
Avoriaz	90	120	v	fa	cl	3
Crans-Montana	10	80	g	h	f	14
Davos	50	115	f	h	f	14
Flaine	55	180	f	s	sn	12
Kitzbuhel	15	35	g	v	f	5
Megeve	40	65	g	pd	cl	4
St Moritz	20	40	g	v	f	8
Sauze d'Oulx	10	30	v	i	cl	10
Verbier	15	60	pr	v	cl	10
Wengen	30	60	g	h	f	10

Key: l—lower; u—upper; c—closed; cl—cloudy; cr—crust; i—ice; fa—fair; f—fine; g—good; h—heavy; l—icy; o.P.—off Piste; pd—powder; pr—poor; r—rain; sn—snow; s—soft; sp—spring; th—thaw; v—varied; w—worn; depths in Centimetres; temperatures in Fahrenheit.

SCOTLAND

CAIRNGORMS: Upper runs: complete with new snow. Middle runs and lower slopes: some runs complete with new snow. Vertical runs: 1,600ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 200ft.

GLENSHEE: Upper runs: snow cover patchy, new snow on a hard base. Lower slopes: limited nursery slopes with new snow. Vertical runs: 500ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 200ft.

GLENCOE: Insufficient snow for ski-ing.

LECHT: Upper and middle runs: complete, new snow on a firm base. Lower slopes: ample nursery areas, new snow on a firm base. Vertical runs: 700ft. Hill roads: slight snow. Main roads: clear. Snow level: 200ft.

Forecast for today: Dry and mainly sunny at first, otherwise sunny periods and scattered wintry showers, freezing level at first, rising to 1,500ft in afternoon. Northerly winds fresh on the slopes.

Outlook for tomorrow: Little change.

TELEVISION—TUESDAY

GUIDE BY PETER KNIGHT

BBC-1

6.30 a.m.-9 Breakfast Time, with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. 10.30-10.50 Play School, rpt. 12.30 News, Weather. 12.57 Regional News (London and South East only: Financial Report and News Headlines). 1 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Hokey Cokey, rpt. 2-2.25 Can You Avoid Cancer?—Loading the Dice rpt. 3.48 (not London) Regional News. 3.50 Play School. 4.10 Dastardly and Muttley, rpt. 4.20 Farmer Giles of Ham by J. R. R. Tolkien, read by Freddie Jones. 4.35 Wildtrack: new series of the nature programme introduced by Su Ingle and Michael Jordan. 5 John Craven's Newsround. 5.5 The Record Breakers: new series. 5.30 Dr Kildare—Behold the Great Man. Starting a repeat of the immensely popular medical drama of the sixties, starring Richard Chamberlain in the title role, the first of television's heart-throb medicos. 5.58 Weather.

6 00 NEWS.

6 30 REGIONAL MAGAZINES.

6 55 WILDLIFE ON ONE. Pterodactyls—Alive? David Attenborough opens a new wildlife series by going on the trail of the pterodactyls, those ungainly but distinctly effective flying reptiles of the dinosaur era. Evidence of their existence comes in all shapes and forms from around the world but the *programme's more spectacular moments are* provided by a giant life-sized model which flies over cliffs and sea. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

7 20 "THE ITALIAN JOB" (1969). Lively and fast-paced comedy caper thriller with Noel Coward and Michael Caine as unlikely associates in a plot to heist gold worth four million dollars in Turin, Italy. Good entertainment value with a quite superb car chase providing a spectacular finale.

9 00 NEWS, WEATHER.

9 25 THE LAST EVENSONG. Comedy-drama by Trevor Baxter which takes a quizzical, humorous, look at the growing trend to convert churches into fashionable homes. Freddie Jones and Muriel Pavlow play two protesters who are determined to save their local church from the developers.

10 35 LOOSE ENDS—New series of the general knowledge quiz hosted by Tim Brooke-Taylor—London and South East only (East—Spectrum; Midlands—Staple Diet; North—Northern Lights; South—Southern Life: Rockers; South West—The Elephant and I; West—Video Magic).

11 05 ROGER WHITTAKER IN KENYA—Repeat. 12 Weather.

BBC-2

5.25 p.m. News, Weather. 5.30 World Darts: The World Professional Championship, highlights from the second round.

6 00 THE HIGH CHAPARRAL—Doctor from Dodge. Repeat.

6 50 OPEN TO QUESTION—Former Cabinet minister Cecil Parkinson answers questions put to him by an audience of young people. Presented by Hilary O'Neill and Michael MacFarlane. First shown on B B C Scotland.

7 30 WHISTLE TEST—Including Mark Ellen at a party to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Elvis Presley's birth, live studio music from Nick Heyward and his new band, The Associates at Ronnie Scott's and Richard Skinner looking at the new charts.

8 30 FOOD AND DRINK—Is our oldest fast food fish and chips and is it still our best? What are the best-value tin-openers? And when do left-over Christmas drinks become undrinkable?

9 00 POT BLACK '85—Start of a new series, with 16 of the world's top professionals competing in the tournament. Tonight's match is between Canadian Kirk Stevens and Doug Mountjoy, the 1978 tournament winner from Wales.

9 25 DOCTORS' DILEMMAS—A Web of Deception. More real life stories from doctors' consulting rooms in which practising doctors examine some of the moral and ethical issues involved in dealing with their patients' problems. The first half is a dramatisation highlighting the problem, the second a studio discussion on the doctor's decisions. The opening case involves a husband who wants children and his wife who, unbeknown to him, is taking the Pill. It looks a bit too stage-managed at times but the scenes in the consulting room are convincing enough. If the studio discussion seems a bit hard on the doctor it also serves to emphasise the problems of doctors who find themselves in such difficult situations.

10 10 WORLD DARTS—The World Professional Championship, the second round.

10 40 NEWSNIGHT.

11 25-12.15 a.m. WORLD DARTS—The World Professional Championship, final matches of the second round.

ITV Thames

6.15 a.m. Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Sesame Street, preceded by Thames News Headlines. 10.25 Gideon, rpt. 10.35 Our Backyard. 10.50 Passport to Treasure. 11.10 Make it Pay, rpt. 11.35 Fabulous Funnies. 11.55 Rub a Dub Dub. 12 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. 12.10 Rainbow, rpt. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1 News. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Jemima Shore Investigates—The Damask Collection, rpt. 2.30 Daytime. 3 Vintage Quiz: new series presented by Fred Dinenage, with Faith Brown and Pete Murray leading the teams of celebrities. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends, rpt. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Behind the Bike Sheds: new series. 4.45 C B T V. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm.

5 45 NEWS.

6 00 THAMES NEWS.

6 25 HELP!—with Viv Taylor Gee.

6 35 CROSSROADS.

7 00 CARRY ON LAUGHING—More clips from the "Carry On" films.

7 30 NAME THAT TUNE—Musical quiz hosted by Lionel Blair.

8 00 *UP THE ELEPHANT AND ROUND THE CASTLE*—The Taste of Money. Comedian Jim Davidson returns in the sit-com set in cockneyland. Tonight he wakes up to find a stolen dog in his bedroom and soon finds himself accused of dog rustling.

8 30 FRESH FIELDS—Dish of the Day, rpt. (Oracle sub-titles.)

9 00 THE BILL—Burning the Books. A quick return for the officers of the Sun Hill Police Station and Det. Insp. Galloway, who was in a state of near hysteria throughout most of the first series, is again up against it. He is out to trap the distributor of pornographic magazines and finds the trail leading to an old adversary who has out-manoeuvred him many times in the past. (Oracle sub-titles.)

10 00 NEWS AT TEN, followed by Thames News Headlines.

10 30 SNOOKER—The Mercantile Credit Classic: the quarter-final matches from the Spectrum Arena, Warrington.

12 15 NIGHT THOUGHTS—with Jan Pickard.

Channel 4

2.30 p.m. Snooker—The Mercantile Credit Classic: first quarter-final, from the Spectrum Arena, Warrington. 3.45 Years Ahead, presented by Robert Dougall. 4.30 Countdown, with Richard Whiteley and John Junkin. 5 The Abbott & Costello Show, b/w. 5.30 Making the Most of . . . New series, opening with tips on making pots from John Gale and Howard Franklin with advice on the care and arrangement of flowers.

6 00 THE AVENGERS—A Surfeit of H.O. B/w, rpt. Steed and Mrs Peel investigate the death of a village poacher who is drowned during a freak thunderstorm.

7 00 CHANNEL FOUR NEWS; at 7.50 Comment by Violet Hughes, and Weather.

8 00 BROOKSIDE.

8 30 HOLIDAY TALK—New series presented by Lesley Judd and focussing each week on a particular country or region which is explored by celebrity guests. Tonight Derek Nimmo and Maeve Binchy look at Venice, the Italian Lake District and the province of Emilio Romagna.

9 00 ★"GREGORY'S GIRL" (1980). Critically acclaimed and very popular comedy directed by Bill Forsyth, exploring with much charm and touching humour the theme of adolescent love. Stunningly filmed in a Scottish suburban town with Gordon John Sinclair as a schoolboy who falls in love with the girl (Dee Hepburn) who takes his place in the school football team. Described by one critic as "one of the finest *films about young love ever made*".

10 45-11.40 EASTERN EYE—Return of the magazine programme for Asian communities, tonight including an analysis of the Indian elections.

★★Outstanding ★Recommended

ITV REGIONS

TVS

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Sesame Street.
10 30 Groovie Ghoulies.
11 00 Fireball XL5.
11 30 Mysteries, Myths and Legends.
12 00 Tank Engine Thomas.
12 10 Rainbow.
12 30 The Sullivans.
1 00 News, TV S News.
1 30 Country Practice.
2 30 Daytime.
3 00 Heavenly Bodies: followed by TV S News.
4 00 Tank Engine Thomas.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Behind the Bike Sheds.
4 45 CB TV.
5 15 Sons and Daughters.
4 45 C B T V.
6 00 Coast to Coast.
6 25 Police 5.
6 35 Crossroads.
7 00 Emmerdale Farm.
7 30 Name That Tune.
8 00 Up the Elephant: L.
8 30 Fresh Fields.
9 00 The Bill.
10 00 News, TV S News.
10 30 Snooker.
12 15 Company.

Anglia

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Sesame Street.
10 25 Cartoon Time.
10 40 Spread Your Wings.
11 05 Standby, Lights, Camera, Action.
11 55 Cartoon Time.
12 00 Tank Engine Thomas.
12 10 Rainbow.
12 30 Gardens for All.
1 00 News, Anglia News.
1 30 Jemima Shore, rpt.
2 30 Daytime.
3 00 Vintage Quiz.
3 25 *Anglia News.*
3 30 Young Doctors.
4 00 Tank Engine Thomas.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Behind the Bike Sheds.
4 45 C B T V.
5 15 Emmerdale Farm.
5 45 News.
6 00 About Anglia.
6 35 Crossroads.
7 00 Bygones.
7 30 Name That Tune.
8 00 Up the Elephant: L.
8 30 Fresh Fields, rpt.
9 00 The Bill.
10 00 News, Anglia News.
10 30 Snooker.
12 15 Tuesday Topic.

Central

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Once Upon a Time . . .
9 50 Falcon Island.
10 15 Rock Steady: documentary on breakdancers.
10 40 Circus Story.
11 10 Tarzan.
12 00 Tank Engine Thomas.
12 10 Rainbow.
12 30 Gardening Time.
1 00 News, Central News.
1 30 Jemima Shore, rpt.
2 30 Daytime.
3 00 Vintage Quiz.
3 25 News.
3 30 Young Doctors.
4 00 Tank Engine Thomas.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Behind the Bike Sheds.
4 45 C B T V.
5 15 Blockbusters.
5 45 News.
6 00 Crossroads.
6 25 Central News.
7 00 Emmerdale Farm.
7 30 Name That Tune.
8 00 Up the Elephant: L.
8 30 Fresh Fields, rpt.
9 00 The Bill.
10 00 News, Central News.
10 30-12.15 Snooker.

Yorkshire

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Weather: Sesame St.
10 25 The Galway Way.
11 10 Everest North Wall.
12 00 Tank Engine Thomas.
12 10 Rainbow.
12 30 Calendar Tuesday.
1 00 News, Calendar News.
1 30 Jemima Shore, rpt.
2 30 Daytime.
3 00 Vintage Quiz.
3 25 News.
3 30 A Country Practice.
4 00 Tank Engine Thomas.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Behind the Bike Sheds.
4 45 C B T V.
5 15 Blockbusters.
5 45 News.
6 00 Calendar, Weather.
6 35 Crossroads.
7 00 Emmerdale Farm.
7 30 Name That Tune.
8 00 Up the Elephant: L.
8 30 Fresh Fields, rpt.
9 00 The Bill.
10 00 News.
10 30-12.15 Snooker.

HTV

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Sesame Street.
10 25 The Sindbad Voyage.
11 20 Step by Step.
11 30 Home, rpt.
11 55 Home Cookery Club.
12 00 Tank Engine Thomas.
12 10 Rainbow.
12 30 The Sullivans.
1 00 News, H TV News.
1 30 Jemima Shore, rpt.
2 30 Daytime.
3 00 Vintage Quiz; H TV News.
3 30 Young Doctors.
4 00 Tank Engine Thomas.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Behind the Bike Sheds.
4 45 C B T V.
5 15 Blockbusters.
5 45 News.
6 00 H TV News.
6 35 Crossroads.
7 00 Emmerdale Farm.
7 30 Name That Tune.
8 00 Up the Elephant: new series of the sit-com with Jim Davidson.
8 30 Fresh Fields, rpt.
9 00 The Bill.
10 00 News, H TV News.
10 30 Snooker.
12 15 Weather.
H TV Wales: 6 p.m.-6.35 Wales at Six.

TSW

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Sesame Street.
10 25 The Watch.
10 35 Inside the Golden Gate, rpt: ecology report.
11 35 Wheelie.
12 00 Tank Engine Thomas.
12 10 Rainbow.
12 30 Look Who's Talking.
1 00 News: Local News.
1 30 Jemima Shore, rpt.
2 30 Daytime.
3 00 Vintage Quiz.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Tank Engine Thomas.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Behind the Bike Sheds.
4 45 CB TV.
5 15 Gus Honeybun.
5 20 Crossroads.
5 45 News.
6 00 Today South West.
6 25 Televiews.
6 30 Robinson Country—The Pleasures.
7 00 The Comedians.
7 30 Name That Tune.
8 00 Up the Elephant: new series of the sit-com with Jim Davidson.
8 30 Fresh Fields, rpt.
9 00 The Bill.
10 00 *News; Local News.*
10 34 Snooker.
12 15 Postscript.
12 20 Weather; Shipping.

Channel

9 25 The Little House on the Prairie.
10 25 "Mosquito Squadron" WW2 flying adventure.
12 00-3.30 As TSW.
3 30 Sons & Daughters.
3 57 Puffin.
4 00 Tank Engine Thomas.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Behind the Bike Sheds.
4 45 C B T V.
5 15 Gulliver.
5 45 News.
6 00 Channel Report, with Report, Politics.
6 30 Cyril Fletcher's Gardening Year.
7 00-12.15 As TSW.
12 15 Commentaires et previsions meteorologiques; Weather.

WELSH CHANNEL 4

1 p.m. Countdown. 1.30 Alice. 2 Ffalabalam. 2.15 Setbacks. 2.30 Snooker. 3.50 The Last Cathedral (2). 4.20 A Plus 4. 4.50 *Ffalabalam.* 5.5 Bilidowcar. 5.35 Basketball: Kellogg's Cup Final. 6.30 Larwm. 7 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 'Does Unman Yn Debyg . . . Ar Werth. 8 The Dragon Has Two Tongues: A History of the Welsh—Where to Begin? With Wynford Vaughan-Thomas and Gwyn Williams. 8.30 Call Earnshaw: *comedy; yn dilyn* Penawdau Newyddion. 9 Minafon. 9.45 Flinor ac Eraill. 10.30-12 "Cry Wolf"—1949 thriller: Barbara Stanwyck, Errol Flynn.

BBC WALES

5.35 p.m.-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30-6.55 The Good Life. 10.35 *Plenty to Say: 80th birthday* tribute, first shown in 1964, to novelist Jack Jones, who died in 1970. 11 Roger Whittaker in Kenya. 11.55 News of Wales, Weather.

RADIO

FOUR

5 55 on l/w Shipping.
6 00 News Briefing.
6 10 Farming Today.
6 25 Prayer for the Day.
6 30 Today.
8 43 Far Away and Long Ago (7).
9 00 News.
9 05 Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411, on Stamp Collecting.
10 00 From Our Own Correspondent.
10 30 Morning Story.
10 45 Service.
11 00 "Sowerby's Scoop": Fred Bassnett play, with Peter Vaughan.
11 33 Wildlife.
12 00 You and Yours.
12 27 My Word!
12 55 Weather.
1 00 World at One.
1 40 The Archers.
1 55 on l w Shipping.
2 00 Woman's Hour.
3 00 "The Deep Water Man"—[illegible] Sheila Hodgson's play set in Cornwall.
4 00 The Making of Chagall: talk by Dr Harry Shukman.
4 40 Story Time: "Master of the Moor" (2).
5 00 PM (5.50 on l/w Shipping).
5 55 Weather.
6 00 News, Financial news.
6 30 Anything Legal, rpt.
7 00 News.
7 05 The Archers.
7 20 Come-back: Antoinette Sibley's return to dancing after a cartilege operation. Repeat.
8 00 Medicine Now.
8 30 Crisis in Education (2).
9 00 In Touch.
9 30 Good Books.
9 45 Kaleidoscope.
10 15 Book at Bedtime: "Empire of the Sun" (7).
10 30 The World Tonight.
11 15 The Financial World.
11 30 Music from the Movies.
12 00-12.15 News, Weather.
12 33 Shipping.
VHF: 11 a.m.-12 For Schools. 1.55 Listening Corner. 2-3 For Schools. 11 p.m.-11.30 Study on 4: Staying in Business.

THREE

6 55 Weather.
7 00 News.
7 05 Morning Concert (8 News).
9 00 News.
9 05 This Week's Composers: Zelenka, Biber.
10 00 Lamoureux Orchestra: Lalo, Roussel.
11 00 Mendelssohn's Te Deum.
11 40 Mozart.
12 20 B B C P O: Stravinsky, Delius, Elgar, Tchaikovsky (1 News).
1 55 Guitar Encores.
2 15 San Francisco S O: Bach, Maderna, Bruckner (2.45-2.50 Reading).
4 00 John York plays Debussy's Preludes for Piano, Book 2.
4 55 News.
5 00 Mainly for Pleasure.
6 30 Libre Vermell: music from the 14th-cent. MS.
7 05 City of London Sinfonia: Mozart, Schubert.
7 55 Amatola Blue: Jill Anders' story.
8 15 Karlheinz Stockhausen: Music and Machines—new series, from the Barbican Hall (9.10-9.30 Poetry of Robert Herrick).
10 10 Jazz Today.
11 00 John Coltrane: Russell Davies on the career of the saxophonist. Rpt.
11 57 News.

TWO

4 00 Colin Berry.
6 00 Ray Moore.
8 05 Ken Bruce.
10 30 Jimmy Young.
1 05 David Jacobs.
2 00 Gloria Hunniford.
3 30 Music All The Way.
4 00 David Hamilton.
6 00 *John Dunn.*
8 00 The American Popular Song (12).
9 00 B B C Radio Orchestra.
9 55 Sports Desk.
10 00 Where Were You in '62?
10 30 Give Us a Conch.
11 00 Brian Matthew.
1 00 Bill Rennells.
3 00-4 Night Owls, rpt.
VHF: 10 p.m.-12 As Radio 1.

ONE

6 00 Adrian John.
7 00 Mike Read.
9 00 Simon Bates.
12 00 Gary Davies.
2 30 Steve Wright.
5 00 Bruno Brookes.
7 30 Janice Long at the Elvis Presley 50th Anniversary celebrations.
10 00-12 John Peel.

WORLD

6 a.m. Newsdesk. 7 World News. 7.9 Twenty-four Hours. 7.30 Sweet Soul Music. 7.45 Network UK. 8 World News. 8.9 Reflections. 8.15 The Art of Gerald Moore. 8.30 Tippett at 80. 9 World News. 9.9 British Press Review. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 What's New. 10 News. 10.1 Discovery. 10.30 Wives and Daughters. 11 World News. 11.9 News About Britain. 11.15 Letter from London.

12 noon Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Foreign Correspondents. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1 World News. 1.9 Twenty-four Hours. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 Recording of the Week. 2 Outlook. 2.45 Behind the Universe. 3 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Jolly Good Show. 4 World News. 4.9 Commentary. 4.15 Omnibus. 4.45 The World Today. 5 World News. 5.9 Meridian.

8 p.m. World News. 9.15 Concert Hall. 10 World News. 10.9 The World Today. 10.25 Scotland This Week. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11 World News. 11.9 Commentary. 11.15 Handel in London. 11.30 Meridian.

12 midnight World News. 12.9 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Omnibus. 1 News. 1.1 Outlook. 1.45 Country Music Profile. 2 World News. 2.9 British Press Review. 2.15 Handel in London. 2.30 Wives and Daughters. 3 World News. 3.9 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Discovery. 4 Newsdesk. 4.30 Waveguide. 5.45 The World Today.

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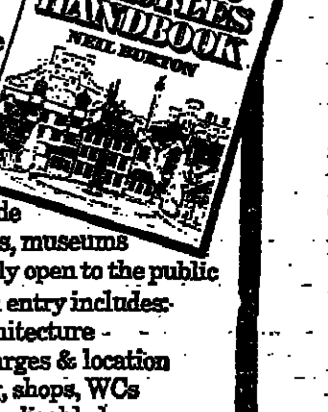

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BARBER.—On Jan. 3, at the Royal Hospital, Wolverhampton, to Andrew (the Reader) and Anthea, a daughter (Anna Elizabeth).

BARRETT.—On Jan. 3, at Kettering, to Helen (nee Andrews, Green) and Steve, a son (Hugo Robert), a brother for Gemma.

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BREALEY.—On Dec. 27, to Christina and Sean, a Dorothy, a sister for David Michael, brother to Robert.

BRIERCLIFFE.—On Jan. 4, at Leicester, to Ann and Dan, a daughter (Emily Elizabeth Katherine), a sister for Andrew.

BRIGG.—On Jan. 3, to Margaret (nee Blackfield) and Tony, a daughter (Rachel Elizabeth).

CUTTER.—On Jan. 3, at Guildford, to Wendy and Simon, a son (Charles Thomas George), a brother for Sophie.

DUKE.—On Jan. 4, to Elizabeth (nee Ferguson) and Jerry, a daughter (Rachel Elizabeth).

ARMINGTON.—On Jan. 4, at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton, to Gillian (nee Broughton) and Harry, a son (Ben John).

GRIAM.—On Jan. 3, 1985, at Guy's Hospital, to Annette (née Assi) and Nicholas, a daughter (Chelsea Anne).

GOTTON-STAMOND.—On Jan. 2, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Vanessa (née Stamond) and Rory, a son (Andrew Robert), brother to Kate.

HALL.—On Jan. 4, to Frances (nee Kirkland) and David, a son (Adam Jonathan), a brother for Julian.

HASLAM.—On Dec. 25, 1984, at Royal Marsden Hospital, to Jacqueline (née Mangham) and Barry, a son (Jonathan Mark).

HORNE.—On Jan. 5, to Susan (nee Bates), a daughter (Alice Vivien), sister for Sarah and with Joanna in mind for later.

JONES.—On Jan. 6, to Susan (nee Lewis), a boy, a brother for Rachel.

PRYOR.—On Jan. 4, at Moore Park Hospital, Guildford, to Tessa (nee Bailey) and Christopher, a son (Robert Andrew), a brother for Thomas and Angela.

SCOTT.—On Dec. 29, in Cape Town, to Christine (nee Brock) and Richard, a daughter (Alexandra Jane), a sister for Sarah.

SPOTTISWOODE.—On Dec. 29, in Canada, and Timothy, a daughter (Rebecca), a sister for Charles, Claire and Jane.

SWAINE.—On Jan. 5, at Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow, to Dorothy (nee Millard) and Matthew, a son.

THEOBOLD.—On Jan. 3, 1985, at Chelsea Hospital, Salisbury, to Fiona (nee Dent) and Kingsley, a daughter for Charles.

TOWNSIN.—On Jan. 3, to Beth (nee Hardie) and Ian, a son (Joshua George Oliver).

TURNER.—On Jan. 4, at St Thomas' Hospital, London, to Gillian (nee Hopkins) and Stephen, a son (Thomas Edward).

WATES.—On Dec. 28, in Margate, to Christopher and Lucy-Jayne a daughter (Sarah Alexandra), a sister for Elizabeth.

MARRIAGES

DEAR—CORLE.—On Jan. 5, in Mexico, Dr Guy de Lisle Dear to Elizabeth Corle.

GOLDEN WEDDING

GREEN—WOLSTENHOLME. — On Jan. 3, 1935, at the Parish Church, Burg, Alan to Hilda Mary. Now living in Sabden, near Blackburn.

IN MEMORIAM

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BILLING.—In memory of Francis William, 1885-1919, Gunner, 150 Siege R.G.A., late of Adderbury, Oxfordshire, and his brother, Thomas Wilcox Billing, Lance Corporal, B. Company, 2nd Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment, killed Dec. 2, 1917, aged 36 years, a relative.

DEATHS

ANDERSON.—On Jan. 6, 1985, Alexander Wilson, of 20, South Grove House, Highgate West Hill, Highgate Village, beloved husband of Gladys, loved father, grandfather from brother, sister and children. Funeral service at St Michael's Church, Southgate, Highgate Village, on Jan. 11, at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Golders Green Crematorium. Flowers to Cooke & Son Ltd, 190, Fortis Green Rd., N.10.

ANTONSEN.—On Dec. 24, 1984, Thomas Henry, aged 86, late of Puckle Lane, Canterbury. Funeral long since. At Barham Crematorium on Friday, Dec. 28.

ARNOLD.—On Nov. 24, 1984, peacefully, Doris Mary, in Hobart, Australia, aged 90 years, daughter of the late Captain Harry and Mrs Arnold (nee Westcott), of Folkestone, sister of William, Harry and Gertrude (all deceased), loved aunt of Elizabeth and Rosalind Parsons, Hobart.

BAINES.—On Jan. 4, peacefully, Maurice Lionel, in his 82nd year. Will be sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral service at Sandford Church, Devon, on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2.30 p.m.

BARRETT-CUTTER.—On Jan. 3, 1985, peacefully, Ida, aged 83 years, of 28, Thornton Road, Teignmouth.

BEATON.—On Jan. 5, 1985, in hospital, at Grantham, Henry Fairgrieve Beaton, formerly Principal of West Wells Technical College, husband of the late Alice Maud and the late Ella Ann, and father of Ralph, at Sydney, Australia, at 2 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 10, at Grantham. No flowers please. Memorial donations if desired to Growth in Hospitals, Doctor Birch, c/o David Rogers, (F.D.), London Road, Grantham, Lincs.

BECKINGHAM.—On Jan. 5, 1985, Janet Ethel, suddenly and peacefully at home, beloved husband of Eric, loving father of Angela and father-in-law of Paul, adored grandpa of Michael and Paul. Funeral at Gloucester Crematorium, on Friday, Jan. 11 at 2 p.m. Cut flowers to G. Lewis & Son Funeral Services Ltd, 129a, Denmark Road, Gloucester.

BELL.—On Jan. 5, 1985, peacefully in hospital, Brent Ann, aged 68 years, of Pip: Farthing, 5, Pirbeck Close, Bishop's Stortford. Dear beloved wife of Horace Edgar, dear mother of Michael, Natasha and Andrew and a dear grandmother (Minomas). Funeral service at St Mary Magdalen Church, Lotts, on Friday, Jan. 11, at 11.30 a.m. followed by interment. Family flowers only please, but if so desired donations may be sent for Bridport Hospital Fund of Friends, c/o A. G. Brown Limited, 66, South Street, Bridport, Dorset.

BELL.—On Jan. 3, at home in Heal Road, Kensington, Winifred Mary, aged 77, husband of Phillip, dearly loved mother of Jane and Thurstan. Jan. 10, at Mortlake Crematorium.

BIRKETT.—On Dec. 31, 1984, Harry Albert (pipe Wright), aged 89 years, of Colchester. Funeral service 10.30 a.m., Friday, Jan. 11, at Christ Church, Colchester, followed by cremation at Colchester Crematorium. Flowers and inquiries to W. H. Shephard, 93, High Street, Colchester.

BLACKTON.—On Jan. 4, 1985, Cyril: A very dearly loved only child of Ruth and Sarah. Funeral private. No flowers, but donations welcomed to The Robin Phillips Centre, Royal South Hants Hospital, Southampton.

BONWITT.—On Jan. 6, 1985, at home, Ivy Mae, widow of Percy Bonwitt, dearly loved mother. Funeral Jan. 10, 3 p.m., Golders Green Crematorium. No flowers by request. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o Bonwitt.

BRASS.—On Sunday, Jan. 6, suddenly and peacefully at home, Fanny. Deeply mourned by her devoted children and grandchildren. Funeral service on Tuesday, Jan. 8, Wilesden Jewish Cemetery.

BREAMER.—On Jan. 3, Dr Hanson Grant Breamer, M.B., M.R.C.P., aged 75, of Devonshire Place, London, and Cockayne Chase, 29, Chandos Road, Hoylake. Much loved husband of the late Ruth, dearly loved father of Susan, Sarah and Mary and grandfather of Rupert and Jeremy. Funeral 10.40 a.m., Friday, Jan. 11, Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane.

BRIALLT.—On Jan. 6, suddenly, at Instow, North Devon, Rosemary Edward, wife of Bill and mother of Fiona and Colin, formerly of Pyrford, Surrey. Funeral service at North Devon Crematorium, Roborough, on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 12 noon. Flowers to Respetts, funeral directors, Bideford 2008.

BROWN.—On Jan. 3, 1985, peacefully at Dee Memorial Hospital, John Watson, aged 88 years, beloved husband of Doris, father of Richard. Funeral at Barham Crematorium, Barham, near Dover, on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 1.30 p.m.

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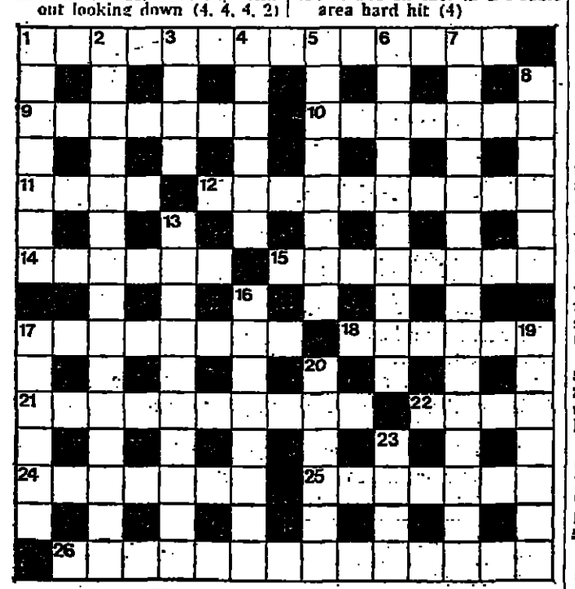
No. 18,343 ACROSS

1 Items dished up for hungry commando trainees? (7, 7)
9 Plants a piece of luggage in here (7)
10 Lack of respect from Bantu warriors yet to be mustered (7)
11 Zola heroine making an entrance in the U S or thereabouts (4)
12 Minted piece of princely heritage? (10)
14 Two countries seen as one to Stalin's secret police chief (6)
15 Rush for an old coin in Kent (8)
17 European changing at Cairo before noon (8)
18 Trouble for two returning (6)
21 Ocean flier when there's a war about (10)
22 Region found in a particular Eastern republic (4)
24 Was unable to bear the cargo lying around (7)
25 Thrive as a liner in its heyday (7)
26 How to meet adversity without looking down (4, 4, 4, 2)

DOWN

1 Worker I find under a tree in Ghana (7)
2 Unused to tale-telling, oddly enough (7, 2, 6)
3 Isn't down as a poisonous growth (4)
4 All the best from here? Not quite (6)
5 Type who could be a poor relation (8)
6 Redress for the agent given an allowance (10)
7 Men without exception (5, 7, 3)
8 Did the round trip awheel? (6)
13 Relative to one afloat, apparently (6, 4)
16 & 17 It's hard on a caretaker to rook a place where Gladstone lived and died (8, 6)
19 It opens up a course you are seeking (4-3)
20 Island the French cry about . . . (6)
23 . . . and another in the same area hard hit (4)



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ACROSS
1 Deceives
4 Moving fast
8 Propriety
9 Firearm
10 Countrified
11 Fit of temper
13 Employed
15 Devastating insect
17 Overseas
20 Highest point
22 Musically brisk
24 Clothe
26 Cheerless
27 Pledge
28 School bag
29 Intended

DOWN
1 Red leaf (anag.)
2 Happen
3 Excess
4 Distant
5 Warning signal
6 Dante's Hell
7 Ray
12 First man
14 Heavenly body
16 Gather
18 Sleeping place
19 Meal course
21 Force
22 Mountain range
23 Circumference
25 Miss Doolittle

RUNCIE ENVOY TO SEE KIN OF HELD LIBYANS

By JAMES ALLAN in Tripoli

TERRY WAITE, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, flew into Tripoli last night intent not only on securing the release of four Britons, but visiting the families of Libyans held in Britain.

He said he had collected messages for the families from the Libyans whom he visited in a 700-mile drive around England at the weekend. One of his stopovers had been Frankland Prison in Durham.

Mr Waite, on his third visit in two months to Libya, has clearly made his mark with the Libyans who sent Mr Ahmeda Slitni, deputy Foreign Minister, to greet him on his arrival.

He has still to learn the results of the deliberations of the Basic People's Congresses (local forums) which have been recommended by Col Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, to grant the four Britons their freedom.

By last night, however, there was still no official announcement of the outcome, but information Ministry officials kept urging the British media to "be optimistic."

Letter for Gaddafi

Mr Waite said at Tripoli Airport: "I have yet to be briefed on what the Congress has said. I have heard some things in England, but I am not sure."

He said he would like to meet Col Gaddafi again. The two men met last on Christmas Day when the Libyan leader promised to recommend the Britons' release to the Congresses.

"I have a letter for him from the Archbishop of Canterbury, but whether I will see him I don't know. It is up to the Colonel.

"Everything promised me so far has been honoured by the Libyan people, and I go forward with the expectation that promises that are made to me will be kept."

Mr Waite regards as only a complication the jailing for three years and three months on Sunday of one of the four Britons, Mr Alan Russell, 49, an English teacher from Holbrook near Ipswich.

He feels that all four men will be involved in any release he can secure.

The other three are Malcolm Anderson, an oil engineer; Michael Berdinner, an English lecturer at Tripoli University; and Robin Plummer, a telephone engineer.

Though there has been no official disclosure about the meetings at the weekend of the congresses, a weekly newspaper claimed yesterday that the fourth Briton would only be released if certain conditions were met.

Free all students

An editorial in the magazine, AL ZAHF AL AKHDAR broadcast on Libyan Radio, said Britain must free all Libyan students and end "the poisonous anti-Libyan propaganda campaign" in the British media.

It added that the British Government must undertake not to engage in "provocation" against Libyan students, nor to offer shelter to "terrorists hostile to the Libyan people."

Mr Waite went last night to the Foreign Office Liaison Bureau offices for more detailed talks with the deputy Foreign Minister, and no doubt briefed him on the telephone hotline being set up by the Church of England for Libyans in Britain.

The telephone system was agreed on by Mr Waite and Col Gaddafi at their Christmas Day meeting when the Libyan leader expressed his concern at the treatment of Libyan students in Britain.

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By CHARLES LAURENCE

Patient 'condemned'

first as an in-patient and then on twice-weekly visits to the Churchill unit.

He is a former patient of the Littlemore mental hospital and was living at the Simon House Hostel for the homeless in Oxford.

'Playing God'

Mr Mike Hall, warden of Simon House, said: "Derek is a very loved member of the community. The doctors have never seen him here, where he talks to people and goes shopping.

"The doctors have no right to make judgments about the quality of his life and this is a completely immoral thing they are doing. Derek has told me he does not want to die. The doctors are playing God with his life."

Mr Sage's GP, Dr Hilary Allinson, said she had been told of the decision to stop treatment on the grounds that the quality of his life was not good enough to justify dialysis.

"I don't believe you can judge someone else's quality of life in those terms," she said.

Mr Ward said the problem with kidney treatment was the shortage of dialysis machines, which meant doctors were selecting who should live, and who should die.

"This has gone far enough, and rescuing Mr Sage is our way of saying that you cannot murder people like this. This man has a right to live and what the doctors should be doing is protesting until they get the equipment they need so they do not have to make decisions."

Reports called for

A spokesman for the Oxford regional health authority said the decision to end treatment was made only after seeking two other opinions, both of which reinforced Dr Oliver's view.

The authority has called for written reports from the renal unit and would make further statements after they had been reviewed.

It was trying to alleviate the shortage of machines in the area by building new dialysis units at Reading and Northampton.

Dr Oliver said: "Mr Sage is mentally defective and schizophrenic. He did n't fit the criteria for dialysis. H ehas progressively deteriorated from that point in that he became virtually mute, unable to look after himself. It has been terribly difficult for the nurses to manage him, and for the other patients.

"The general view is that we are not improving the quality of Derek's life. We are officiously keeping him alive."

The St John and St Elizabeth hospital, run by nuns, is one of four private hospitals in London with recognised dialysis facilities. It usually does a brisk trade with patients from the Middle East.

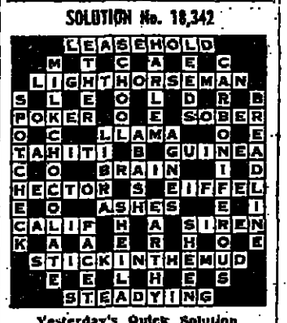
Passive euthanasia

A spokesman for the British Medical Association said that the decision to withdraw dialysis fell into the ethical bracket of "passive euthanasia."

The BMA ethical handbook condemns "active" euthanasia but condones "passive" euthanasia under certain circumstances.

The basic duty is to preserve life. It that is impossible, the ethical duty is to ensure that the patient dies with dignity and with as little suffering as possible.

SOLUTION No. 18,342



Yesterday's Quick Solution

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Princess

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patient's history and symptoms, such as heavy cigarette-smoking coupled with loss of weight and cough with sputum, which might contain blood.

In a patient with these symptoms, X-rays and other tests would normally be carried out, showing possibly a shadow on an X-ray plate. These would probably be followed by bronchoscopy, an examination of the bronchial tubes using an illuminated tube, during which a portion of tissue might be removed for a biopsy—examination by a pathologist.

Apart from well-known conditions like lung cancer, non-malignant tumours of the lungs do occur.

Tumours, however, are not the only reason for which it might be considered advisable to remove an area of lung tissue. This operation is sometimes carried out to remove portions of lung chronically infected with various organisms which have failed to respond to medical treatment.

Protest over T V

HARVEY LEE, Television Staff, reports: Central Television, the ITV company responsible for the satirical series, "Spitting Image," said yesterday it had no regrets about a sketch involving a puppet representing Princess Margaret which was shown on Sunday night, within hours of her operation.

The sketch, in which the puppet was seen suggesting that Prince Harry should be named after various alcoholic drinks, was condemned as "unforgivably bad taste" by Mrs Mary Whitehouse, president of the National Viewers and Listeners Association. Mrs Whitehouse said she telephoned Lord Thomson of Monifieth, chairman of the IBA to complain.

A Central Television spokesman said only two people had contacted the company's Birmingham studios to complain and that the reaction in other ITV regions was minimal. He said that producer, Mr John Lloyd, had considered dropping the sketch but had decided to retain it because newspaper reports described Princess Margaret's admission to hospital as "routine."

MOTHER TERESA MEETS GELDOF

Bob Geldof, rock singer and the brain behind a chart-topping record that raised more than £6,000,000 for famine relief in Ethiopia, met Mother Teresa of Calcutta in Addis Ababa yesterday.

He told Reuters by telephone from there: "She is a living embodiment of moral good. I am very flattered to have met her." Mother Teresa, Nobel Peace Prize winner, heads a religious order that runs hospices in India. She has been helping relief efforts in Ethiopia.

BIRCH FOUNDER DIES

Robert Welch jun., who founded the ultra-Conservative John Birch Society 27 years ago, has died in Winchester, Massachusetts, aged 85. He described President Eisenhower as "a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy."

'TWO' GULF ATTACKS

By Our Correspondent in Manama

Iraq said yesterday its warplanes had attacked two "large naval targets" near the Iranian Kharg island oil terminal in the Gulf. The captain of small Panamanian-registered freighter confirmed one attack and there were no injuries.

BORDER KILLINGS

Kenyan police crossed into Tanzania and killed two militiamen they had mistaken for cattle rustlers, the ruling party newspaper UHURU reported yesterday. Their bodies were later found decapitated.—A.P.

DIPLOMAT FREED

Mr Eric Wehrli, the Swiss diplomat abducted in Beirut last week, was released by his captors yesterday. The Shi'ite Amal movement said they secured his freedom.—Reuter.

MINERS

By JOHN RICHARDS

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spokesman for the board, declared: "The leadership of the NUM has got to recognise that their intransigent position is not only unacceptable to us, but also to their own members."

The coal strike began in March last year over the board's proposal to cut output by 4 million tonnes with the closure of 20 pits and the loss of 20,000 jobs.

The board, who believe that yesterday's return to work will continue today and tomorrow, said that the number of "new faces" reported included 210 in Scotland, 363 in the North East, 247 in both Yorkshire and North Derbyshire, 26 in Nottinghamshire, 10 in South Midland, 94 in Western Area, and five in South Wales.

All pits were officially open for work yesterday but the bad weather prevented any men going into the three Kent pits. It is also felt to have affected attendances and, possibly, the numbers going back elsewhere.

MacGregor challenge

Mr MacGregor, the Coal Board chairman, has said that only another 10,000 to 15,000 miners need to return to put the strikers in the minority. This is because the 189,000 on the payroll at the start of the dispute will have been eroded by normal wastage over the past 10 months.

When 30,000 or 85,000 miners are back, the NUM executive would have to recognise that most members had decided the strike was over. It should then review its position.

The NUM leadership is due to meet in Sheffield on Thursday.

There were 3,582 men at work, 17 per cent of the NUM workforce, in Durham and Northumberland yesterday *morning compared with 71* two months ago. In North Darbyshire, the figure hit a new peak of 5,089 and also in Scotland at 2,676. But in South Wales, only 141 miners were at work.

The biggest return ti Scotland was at Killoch colliery, Ayrshire, where 97 men turned up for the first time since joining the strike; at Bilston Glen, outside Edinburgh, two-thirds were claimed to be back, taking the attendance over the 1,000 mark.

M Ps criticised

Mr Albert Wheeler, Scottish director of the Coal Board, described as "a disgrace" the presence of Labour M Ps among 200 pickets outside Polkemmet colliery, West Lothian. He accused them of attempting to prevent working miners from saving the flooded pit.

"We have had no assistance from the NUM on the recovery programme at the pit," said Mr Wheeler. "This is being done by working miners despite continued intimidation of them at the pit and at their homes."

The board claim that withdrawal of safety cover at Polkemmet, which employs 1,300 men and supplies the Ravenscraig steel works, has caused severe flooding and gas build-ups since last August.

One of the 46 men who returned to work at Herrington colliery, near Sunderland, was Mr Joe Stokoe, the NUM lodge chairman.

At Ashington colliery, 19 pit deputies crossed the picket line for the first time and 51 deputies were at work at Ellington colliery.

Shop stewards from the National Union of Railwaymen at Coalville freight depot, Leicestershire, plan to lobby today's meeting of the Joint NUR-Aslef Rail Federation in London urging national disruptive action to defend men who are, they claim, being "harassed" by British Rail for refusing to move coal trains.

Backing for Sid Vincent—P2

MORE E. GERMANS QUIT EMBASSIES

By Our Staff Correspondent in Bonn

Seven East Germans, including two children, who had occupied the West German Embassy in Warsaw since November in an attempt to gain asylum, left the building for home yesterday, according to sources in Bonn.

It is understood that two Poles of German extraction are still holding out in the hope of being allowed out to the West. The number of East German refugees still in the West German Embassy in Prague has meanwhile fallen to seven while all have left the Budapest mission.

WITNESS ROW AT DISSIDENT TRIAL

By Our Belgrade Correspondent

Mr Goranko Djabic, the only witness yesterday in the Belgrade trial of six Yugoslav dissidents accused of conspiring to overthrow the State, brushed with Mr Danilo Nanovic, the prosecutor, saying he had been wrongly quoted. Mr Djabic claimed he had never said the meetings the dissidents held were illegal.

Mr Vladimir Seks, defending, asked the magistrate to replace the prosecutor. The hearing was later adjourned until today because of poor heating in the near-freezing courtroom.

REAGAN TO SEE PRESS

By Our Washington Staff

President Reagan is to hold his first formal Press conference for nearly six months on Thursday, the White House said yesterday. It will be televised live.

Two subjects likely to dominate the questions are the outcome of the Geneva arms control talks with Russia, and the stalemate on ways of reducing the massive American budget deficit.

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DEATHS (Continued)

BRYANT.—On Jan. 6, peacefully at a Torquay nursing home, KENNETH RAYMOND, of Paignton, Parkhurst Road, Torquay, Freeman of the Borough of Torbay, most beloved husband of Mary for over 50 years, a loving brother and uncle. Funeral service at Central Church, Torquay, on Monday, Jan. 14, at 12 noon, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for Central Church or Torbay Hospital League of Friends, c/o Torbay & District Funeral Service, Wellswood, Torquay.

BULL.—On Jan. 5, 1985, MAXWELL MAUNDEN BULL, of 89, Grand Avenue, Worthing, formerly of Cambridge, husband of Catherine and father of John and Peter. Service at the Worthing Crematorium, on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 11 a.m. All inquiries to Dillistone, tel. Worthing 200855.

BULTITUDE.—On Jan. 3, were suddenly, JAMES ROBERT, of 265, Rednore Crescent, Bristol, former Bristol City Treasurer. Will be sadly missed by his devoted wife and family. No flowers please, but donations may be sent to St Mary's Hospital, Clifton, Bristol.

BUNTING.—On Jan. 5, peacefully in hospital, RUTH SELINA (nee Naylor), widow of Edwin, beloved mother and grandmother.

BURN.—On Jan. 6, 1985, after a short illness in Ronkswood Hospital, Worcester, THOMAS GEORGE, aged 77 years, of Rouse Lench Court. Funeral will take place at Church of St Peter, Rouse Lench, Friday, Jan. 11, at 3 p.m.

CARTWRIGHT.—On Jan. 4, peacefully at home, The Old School, Sturminster Newton, Dorset, KATHLEEN, beloved wife of the late ARTHUR WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT and dear mother of Robert and Christopher. Cremation on Friday, Jan. 10, 12 noon, Yeovil Crematorium. No flowers please, but donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation, 102, Gloucester Place, London W1H 4DH.

CHAPMAN.—On Jan. 3, RAY, wife of the late ERNEST CHAPMAN, and mother of Beryl Donaldson of Lessetts Park. Funeral service at West Herts Crematorium, Garston, on Watford, on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 11 a.m. Family flowers only, please. Donations, if desired, to the Hearing Dog National Deaf Children's Society, c/o Miss Lynn Atherton, 16, Monks Close, Broxbourne, Herts., or to Save the Children Fund, Petty Far Branch, Hon. Treasurer Mr F. W. Giles, The Moat House, Burwash, near Battle, Sussex. Inquiries to Leverton & Sons Ltd., 01-387 6075.

CLAYTON.—On Sunday, Jan. 6, peacefully in hospital, ROSAMOND CONSTANCE, aged 89 years, wife of the late James Clayton of Kinver and loved mother of Jim, Michael and Margaret. Funeral service at Steple Morden Parish Church on Friday, Jan. 11, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the Save the Children Fund, 17, Grove Lane, Camberwell SE5 8RD.

COOK.—On Saturday, Jan. 5, 1985, at his home, Lancaster Road, Dorchester, L. R. S. (Robin) Cook, aged 76 years, husband of Irene, Louie and father of Robert and Elizabeth. Funeral service St George's Church, Dorchester, Friday, Jan. 11, at 2 p.m., followed by cremation at Weymouth. Family flowers only. Donations to Dorset Hospice, Charitable Trust, Edward Road, Dorchester, Dorset. Inquiries to Wood-Dorchester Ltd, tel. 62666.

COOKMAN.—On Jan. 5, peacefully at Birch Hill Nursing Home, Swaythling, MAY MICKLEY, aged 85, formerly of Sanderstead and Hassocks, dearly loved wife of the late VERNON ARTHUR COOKMAN and much loved mother of Roy and Gerald. Funeral at Bournemouth Crematorium at 1 p.m., Friday, Jan. 11. Cut flowers only to Moodys, funeral directors, 59, Old Milton Road, New Milton.

COOPER.—On Jan. 4, at home, JACK, aged 85, dearly loved husband of Doris and father of Joan. Service at Sunnyhill Crematorium, on Monday, Jan. 14, at 2 p.m. No flowers, but if desired, donations to Royal Masonic Hospital, Ravenscourt Park, London W6.

COWARD.—On Jan. 6, at Westbury House, Cranleigh, widow of Group Captain G. N. Coward, C.B.E., late of Westwood, much loved mother of Pip Downes and grandmother of Roy and Susan. No letters. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

CRANE.—On Jan. 3, in hospital, ALEC C.E.D., beloved husband of Nora. Funeral service on Tuesday, Jan. 10, at Christ Church, Ware, at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent to Christ Church Building Fund, c/o Powell Funeral Service, Watton Road, Ware.

CURTIS. — On Jan. 7, WINIFRED, aged 84 years, formerly of The Cathedral Close, Chichester. Service Thursday, Jan. 10 at Chichester Cathedral at 10 a.m. All inquiries to Edward White & Son, 5, South Pallant, Chichester, tel. 782136.

DALY.—On Jan. 4, 1985, peacefully, CLIVE HENRY KIRKPATRICK DALY, M.C., of Stocks Lane, Over Peover, Cheshire, the dearly beloved husband of Bertha and devoted father of Michael and Janet. Funeral service in Knutsford Parish Church on Friday, Jan. 11, at 11 a.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation or the British Red Cross Society may be sent to the funeral directors, J. A. Wilson, King Street, Knutsford, Cheshire, tel. 05653 2624.

DAVIES.—On Jan. 4, 1985, passed peacefully away at Poole General Hospital, Rev. DAVID THOMAS DAVIES, aged 80 years, sadly missed by his wife, Connie, his children, Hazel and Alan, and their families, brother, Stan, and his family. Funeral service at Park United Reformed Church, Wokingham Road, Reading, at 11.15 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 11. Family flowers only. Other tributes in form of donations to Imperial Cancer Research, c/o A. B. Walker & Son Ltd, 56, Eldon Road, Reading.

DAVIES.—On Jan. 7, after a short illness, peacefully at home in his 82nd year, DOUGLAS OSBORNE, dearly loved husband of the late Winifred (nee Rowcliffe), beloved father of John, Kathleen, and Barbara and much loved grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral service Canford Crematorium, Bristol, Friday, Jan. 11, 12.40 p.m. Family flowers only, please.

DAWSON.—On Jan. 5, 1985, at her home at Sudbrooke, Lincoln, late of Tunbridge, Angus, aged 83 years, much loved mother of Tim and William and grandmother of Sara, Helen, Frances, Andrew, and Christopher. Cremation, Thursday, Jan. 10. Inquiries to Bradley & Cockett, tel. Lincoln 20606.

DEARLOVE. — On Jan. 1, 1985, peacefully at her home, DORIS M. DEARLOVE, in her 90th year. Funeral service on Monday, Jan. 14, at St Mary the Virgin, Little Hallingbury, at 11 a.m. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Cancer Unit, Herts and Essex Hospital, Bishop Stortford.

DEGEN.—On Jan. 6, in The Royal Hants County Hospital at Winchester, ETHEL GERTRUDE, formerly of Chase Cottage, Tunbridge Wells. Cremation Thursday, Jan. 10, 11.30 a.m., at Southampton.

DIDHAM.—On Jan. 5, 1985, peacefully in his home at home in Malindi, Kenya, Major RICHARD DIDHAM, beloved husband of Lallie and father of Mel, Charles and Lee.

DITTMAR.—On Jan. 3, ESTHER, aged 71 years, of Sharrow Close, Ilkley, Wards Heath, formerly of Highlands Close, Haywards Heath. Funeral on Friday, Jan. 11, at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, at 1.30 p.m. No flowers please, but donations, if desired to Chest and Heart Association, c/o J. & R. Matthews, 8, Church Street, Cuckfield, Sussex, tel. 10444 413053.

DOVE.—On Jan. 4, 1985, at Yeovil Hospital, GRACE KATHLEEN (nee Brechtlen), aged 84 years, of the Old Rectory, Stalbridge, Dorset, formerly of Wordsworth Road, Worthing. Funeral service takes place on Monday, Jan. 14, at 2 p.m., at the Thornecombe Parish Church, followed by cremation at Yeovil Crematorium at 3 p.m. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu, if desired, may be sent for the Hole the Aged Fund, c/o H. Bishop & Sons, (F.D.), Chard.

EUSTACE.—On Jan. 4, peacefully in Harwich Hospital, Pat, aged 77 years, much loved husband of Cecil and father of Peter and Carole.

EVANS.—On Jan. 5, peacefully in nearly loved wife of Norman, mother of Christopher. Funeral, 10.40 a.m., Monday, Jan. 14, Beckenham Crematorium. Family flowers only to Francis Chapell & Son, Orpington.

FENTON.—On Jan. 3, 1985, died peacefully at his home, RAY, Marple, Cheshire, loving and beloved husband of Brenda and much loved father of Kate, Rosemary and Sally. Service and cremation at Stockport Crematorium, on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 1 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Christies Hospital, c/o and inquiries to J. & T. Rhodes Ltd., funeral directors, Fields Street, Bredbury, near Stockport, tel. 061-430 2094 or 061-494 3370.

FLATHER.—On Jan. 4, 1985, at her home in Wimborne, MARJORIE ADELE, devoted widow of KENNETH DAVIDSON FLATHER and most dearly beloved mother of Mark and Valerie and grandmother of Elizabeth and Marc. She will be so greatly missed by her family and all who knew her. The funeral service is at St John the Evangelist, Wimborne, at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 9, prior to interment at Ulverston.

FLINT.—On Jan. 5, DONEL, aged 80 years, of Valley Road, London. The funeral service at South London Crematorium on Monday, Jan. 14, at 12.15 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations preferred to Trinity Hospice, London S.W.4. Any inquiries to Ashtons Funeral Service, 01-274 5425.

FOALE.—On Jan. 2, at Southmead Hospital, Bristol, JOHN HOBSWELL, in his 75th year, for 14 years Manager of the Redland Branch of National Provincial Bank at White Ladies Road, Bristol. Sadly missed by wife Beryl. Cremation, Canford Cemetery, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, Friday, Jan. 11, at 1.15 p.m., afterwards at 175, Redland Road, Bristol. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Peoples Dispensary for Sick Animals.

FRASER.—On Jan. 6, Sqn Ldr ALEXANDER FRASER, R.A.F. (Retd), of Frimley Green, Camberley, much loved husband of Dorothy and dearest father of Derek and Heather. Service at Aldershot Crematorium at 4.30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 10. By his request, family flowers only, but donations may be made to Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial